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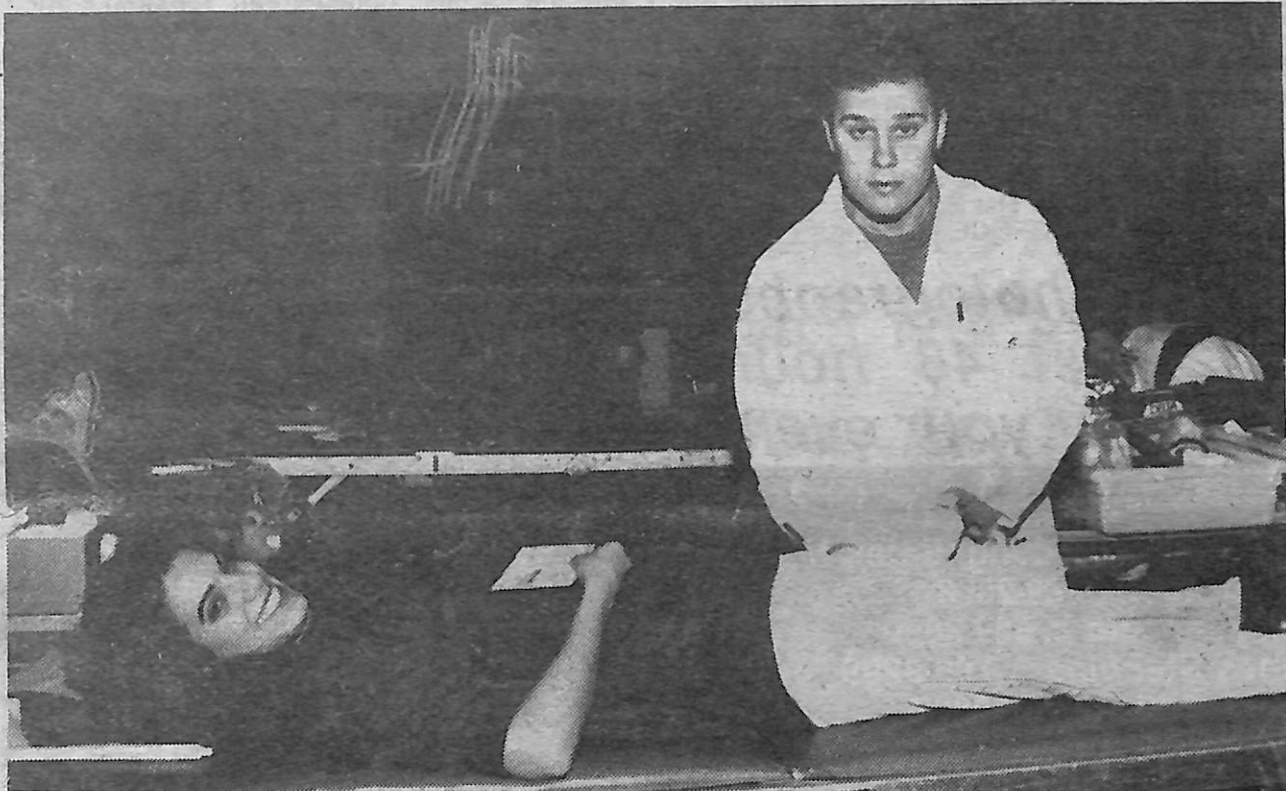
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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

March 12, 1992

AHS Students Give "Gift Of Life"



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR LISA DIALESSI was one of many students who responded to an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the school on March 2nd. Assisting Lisa is Mark Richard of the Red Cross. RELATED PHOTO IN EDUCATION SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Leonard House Receives Another Donation



THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE has received another business donation for its Annual Friends Fund Drive. The latest came from Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, who are planning to open an Agawam office. From left - Pam Savioli, realtor; Richard Brindle, president of Board of Trustees; Barbara Vaughn, manager; and Dale Melanson, treasurer, Leonard House trustees. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Health Dept. Proposing New Food Policy

The Agawam Health Department is proposing a mandatory training and certification program for all food establishments that prepare potentially hazardous foods. This program will offer basic food sanitation principles to food handlers, giving them a better knowledge of how to reduce the incidence of foodborne illness, thus offering the most wholesome, unadulterated food product possible to the consumer.

There are literally thousands of food poisoning cases each year reported in Massachusetts. Last year alone there were 35 foodborne illness cases reported by Agawam residents. The economic impact of these cases are staggering, not only for the owner and person(s) who became ill, but also for the employees who could lose their jobs.

In Massachusetts alone over a million dollars have been lost due to missed work, medical bills, Health Department costs, legal fees, and lawsuits. In most of these cases, if basic food sanitation principles were followed, illness could have been prevented.

The following are the proposed regulations for mandatory food handlers training and certification program:

*** Section 4: Mandatory Training**

All food establishments that prepare potentially hazardous foods must have at least one employee who is the person in charge, in its employment, certified as having completed all requirements of the Board of Health's mandatory food handlers certification program.

*** Section 5: Exemptions**

- A. Food establishments that do not prepare potentially hazardous foods.
- B. Churches and religious groups.
- C. Clubs that do not have full-time employees who operate the kitchen facilities.
- D. Retail food stores that only serve cold cuts and non-potentially hazardous foods.

SEE FOOD - Health Pages...

Lions Club's St. Pat's Supper

The Agawam Lions Club is sponsoring its Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper on Tuesday, March 17th, at the Agawam Middle School. See display ad on Page 22 for more info.

Agawam Town Council Agenda For Meeting Of Monday, March 16th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 3/2/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-9- A Resolution Supporting the Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment by the Town of Agawam (Coun. Balboni, Bitzas, Fuller, Russo, Suffriti & Willis) (Tabled 3/2/92).

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MAYOR USE LEFTOVER FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SNOW REMOVAL IN FY '92 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT.

2. TR-92-10- A Resolution authorizing the Formation of a Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Committee to examine recycling options and Solid Waste Disposal and recommend new methods of responsible management (Coun. Ennis) (Tables 3/2/92).

RESOLUTION TO CREATE COMMITTEE OF THREE COUNCILORS TO EXAMINE CURRENT PRACTICES, INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT METHODS AND RECOMMEND VIABLE ALTERNATIVES.

3. TR-92-11- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Raymond Weber, 361 North St., F.H., MA to the Historical Commission to a Term Expiring January 1, 1994 (Mayor).

4. TR-92-12- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Raymond Charest, 57 Hastings St., F.H., MA to the Board of Registrars to a Term Expiring March 31, 1995 (Mayor).

5. TR-92-13- A Resolution Supporting the Retention of Massachusetts Army National Guard, Agawam Unit, Company B. 1st Battalion, 104 Infantry (Mayor).

AT BEHEST OF VETERANS COUNCIL AND TOWN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, RESOLUTION NOTIFYING CONGRESSMAN OLVER OF ITS REQUEST FOR A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN TROOPS ACROSS THE NATION.

7. Elections

None

8. Public Hearings

None

9. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-92-4- An Ordinance Establishing Temporary Handicap Permits (Coun. Russo) (1st Read.) (Referred to Ordin. Comm. on 2/3/92) (Tabled 2/18/92).

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HANDICAP PERMITS THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO THOSE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS (requires 3 readings for adoption).

2. TOR-92-6 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 175, Article XI Entitled "Backflow and Cross-Connection Regulations" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor) (2nd Read.)

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD LOWER TEST FEE FOR STATE MANDATED DEVICES TO \$15 PER TEST PER DEVICE AND WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE FEE FOR TOWN MANDATED DEVICES. THE FEE FOR BOTH STATE AND TOWN MANDATED DEVICES IS CURRENTLY \$50 PER TEST PER DEVICE. INCLUDES APPEALS PROCESS (requires 3 readings for adoption).

3. TO-92-7- Transfer-\$2,000 from Reserve Fund (7000-5600-R551) to Police - Professional & Technical (6100-5300-R1168) (Mayor).

TRANSFER TO PROVIDE HEPATITIS B VACCINATIONS FOR 23 OFFICERS. COST PER PERSON FOR THE VACCINE IS \$93.

4. TO-92-8- Voucher List (\$39.45).

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE SUPPLIES.

FIRE-WISE

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Fire Safety For Seniors

Fire safety isn't just for children. As an older American, you're at greater risk of being injured or killed from fire or burn injuries than other adults. You are your own best insurance.

The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take some precautions, including ... installing smoke detectors on each level of your home; properly disposing of all smoking materials; and having an escape plan in case of fire.

For more information, call 786-2662.

Reporting A Fire... Or Any Emergency

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following advice on how to place an emergency telephone call.

Keep emergency numbers on every phone in your home and ask your neighbors to do the same. Should an emergency occur, you may need to use your neighbor's phone.

Give your name AND complete address (include apartment number, subdivision, etc.) Describe the situation and wait to answer questions.

Remember let the dispatcher hang up first to insure he or she obtained all the information necessary to respond to the emergency.

Councilor Willis Slates Office Hours March 14

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold office hours on Saturday, March 14th, at the Faolin Pierce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Councilor Willis will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to listen to constituent concerns on various issues facing the town.

All residents are invited to attend.

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Diane Azevedo-Young has come aboard as Sales Manager of the Agawam-Feeding Hills office. She will be in charge of recruiting, training & staff management. Ms. Azevedo-Young formerly owned & operated Azevedo Real Estate Co., Inc. She most recently comes to us from D.H. Jones Realty Group of Amherst/Greenfield.



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Letters To The Editor

Excellent Evening Enjoyed At AHS Drama Production

To The Editor:

I just came home from a most enjoyable evening at Agawam High School, where I attended the play "Anne of Green Gables." There were mostly young people in attendance. (Where were the parents and grandparents?)

I was very impressed by the way the audience behaved. We hear so much about the rowdiness of our youth these days, and here the majority (I would estimate 20-1) were teens and you could hear a pin drop throughout the entire performance.

I couldn't help but wonder why there wasn't more publicity given prior to this event. I happened upon it in this newspaper in time to attend, for which I am thankful; but, I wonder if attendance wouldn't have been better if there had been fliers in the local stores and churches.

I can only imagine the work and preparation that went into this performance because it was so excellently executed. I do thank this newspaper for alerting me to this entertaining evening, and hope that there will be more in the near future.

To those who worked so hard to put this on, I would suggest that you take that extra step and get the fliers out to make sure that we don't miss the next one.

Congratulations to all—the cast for an excellent delivery; those behind-the-scenes for all the sometimes unrecognized work that goes into pulling it all together; and to the director who did such an excellent job of making "Anne of Green Gables" a four-star evening for me.

Connie MacFadden
Agawam

Granger PTO Sends Thanks For Successful Dance

To The Editor:

Granger PTO recently held a dance on February 29th, 1992, to raise funds for a new photocopier. The dance was a success and everyone had a great time.

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations: Alexander's, DJs Kenny Hill and Bob Stoddard, Pat Salmieri (USA Super Fitness), Take Five Restaurant, Casa Di Lisa, EB's Specialty Chicken, Ploggia's General Store, and The Rollaway, Inc.

Also, McCarthy Tile Inc., Philip Morris USA, Shepard's Pharmacy, Venetta Snyder, Linda Bryskiewicz, Debbie Poirier, Cheryl Panek, Bill & Michelle Shepard, and Tom Collins (Print Department, Agawam High).

Special thanks to the following members of the committee for making my job so easy: Debbie Poirier, Gina Korney, Alma Benton, Robin Gottardi, and Kathy Mouneimneh.

Thank you,
Sandy Dubay
Granger PTO, Dance Committee

Betty Bottaro Will Always Be Remembered By Rev. Fuller

To The Editor:

The first person I ever met in Agawam was Betty Bottaro of "Betty's Restaurant" some 40 years ago. I grew up in Planville, Connecticut, about 25 miles south on Route 10. My uncle from Westfield had spread the fame about Betty's great food.

The restaurant became the scene for family anniversary and birthday celebrations. It was always a beautiful ride up Route 10. Of course, we always wanted Sam and Betty to check out our dates. If they didn't like Betty's we knew they weren't right for us.

When I was searching for a new church in 1989, I saw that the Agawam Congregational Church was open. I had never seen the church before. But I knew if Sam and Betty were at all typical of Agawam, it would be a great place to be a minister and raise one's family.

The night of the interview I had dinner at Betty's and I asked her about the church. She said it was very active and the members were very nice people. As I met with the search committee that night, she seemed so right. Now, almost three years later, I am so glad that my family and I moved to Agawam.

I would like to close with a recent Betty story. Last year when we arrived at Betty's my youngest son gave his mom a big hug just out of the blue. Betty had been looking out of her upstairs window. She came down and told him what a wonderful boy he was for hugging his mom like that. Betty always had that loving touch.

I shall always remember this very special friend of our family.

Sincerely,
Reverend Curt D. Fuller
Agawam Congregational Church,
Agawam Center

Girl Scout Sunday Celebrated By Scouts & Their Families

To The Editor:

On Sunday, March 8th, Girl Scout Sunday was celebrated by the Agawam girl scouts and their families. It was a particularly important day because it is also the 80th birthday of girl scouting in America.

We joined together for worship at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, where all denominations were welcome to attend. Our Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes participated at the church by giving the readings, bringing the gifts to the altar, singing in the choir, and handing out bulletins. Over 100 girl scouts attended.

After church, coffee, juice, and pastries were offered at the Agawam Senior center, where we were pleased to welcome 180 girl scouts and their family members.

The coffee hour was terrific (with more than enough of everything), and the tables looked wonderful because of the centerpieces made by the Daisy girl scouts, our youngest members.

It was a special morning for us, and we would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all who took part in making Girl Scout Sunday the success that it was. We would like to thank:

Father Joyce of Sacred Heart Church; Colleen Mutti and Mrs. Jeannette Denoncourt for putting together a wonderful choir; the Agawam Senior Center; Big Y of Agawam; Sun Doure Juice Co. of Chicopee; and all who set up, cleaned up, and baked (especially those last-minute bakers—you know who you are!).

Sincerely,
Chris Demetron
Nancy Liddell Bulmer

More Memorial Benches Available To Public

To The Editor:

Last year Mayor Christopher C. Johnson initiated a Memorial Bench Program at the suggestion of a former resident. The benches have provided an opportunity for people to remember their loved ones.

The benches beautify areas of town and provide walkers a place to rest or just read their newspapers. The benches that were constructed were limited to 35 and the project was completed in time for Memorial Day 1991.

I had been asked to coordinate the program along with Mike Piccin, a supervisor in the Department of Public Works. I met many wonderful people who truly appreciated the thought and the opportunity to sponsor a bench. Once benches were installed, I began to receive many calls from residents, hoping that the program would be extended and when advised of the response, the Mayor felt that we could provide some additional benches this year.

I have received approval from the Agawam Housing Authority to utilize the existing benches on their properties at Meadow Brook Manor, Colonial Haven, Danahy School Elderly Complex, and the housing complex on North Westfield Street as well as a few other areas of town.

Again this year the cost will remain at \$100 per bench. The town will receive no profit on the program. This is made possible through the generosity of Paul Glaska and Henry Sullivan of Atlas Foundry on Industrial Lane, Agawam (who are doing the plaques for a nominal fee), and the summer Agawam DPW crew.

Four were made through the winter months and any remaining funds after the cost will be maintained by the town accountant in the Bench Program Account to cover costs of upkeep.

This will be the final phase of the Memorial Bench Program. The number of benches are limited. I am strongly suggesting that anyone interested in a bench to please contact my office as soon as possible so that we might complete the program in time for Memorial Day.

SEE LETTERS -
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Tuesday, March 17th
Agawam Junior Women's Club
Meeting & program (featuring
Tae Kwon-Do instructor Pat Kraus)
Captain Leonard House, Main St.
7:30 p.m.
Call 789-1320 for more info

Tuesday, March 17th
Informational mtg. & registration
for Ag. Youth Cheeleader Tryouts
Community Room, Ag. Police Dept.
7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19th
Grange Card Party
Grange Home, 47 North West Street, F.H.
7:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday,
March 27th & 28th; April 3rd & 4th
Agawam Repertory Theatre presents
the comedy "Move Over Mrs. Markham"
At Valley Community Church, F.H.
Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.
(There is also a Thursday, April 2nd
performance, also starting at 8:00 p.m.)
Call 789-9687

Saturday, March 28th
Performance of "Emperor's New Clothes"
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Are You Prepared When You That Car Accident Happens?

One in every eight drivers will be involved in a motor vehicle accident this year, according to the National Safety Council.

That may mean you! Are you prepared? Would you know what to do and what questions to ask?

Since most people are reasonably upset after an accident, Tate Berkan, President of the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts, offers this list of 11 easy steps to remember:

- (1) Stop your vehicle if it is clear, safe, and legal.
- (2) Move the vehicle out of the traveled roadway, if it is clear, safe, and legal. (In some states, it is against the law to move the vehicle from the place where the accident occurred. Check the ordinance in your area.)
- (3) Turn off the ignitions of the cars involved.
- (4) Make a first aid check of all persons involved in the accident.
- (5) Call the police and, if necessary, emergency medical services.
- (6) Mark the scene of the accident with flares or retroreflective triangles.
- (7) Gather the names of all persons in the motor vehicles and people who witnessed the accident.
- (8) Make a quick diagram of where the vehicle occupants were seated, and indicate the vehicles' direction of travel and lane. Also note the date, time, and weather conditions.
- (9) Ask to see the other driver's license and write down the number.
- (10) Exchange insurance company information. Do not discuss "fault" or make statements about the accident to anyone but the police.
- (11) Get a copy of the police report of the accident from the local precinct.

Councilor Gravel Has Office Hours Planned

City Councilor Nancy Gravel will hold her monthly office hours on Wednesday, March 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam.

Residents of Agawam are invited to stop by and meet with Councilor Gravel to discuss issues of concern to them.

Agawam Post Office Reminds Residents To Please Properly Address Your Mail

According to the Agawam Post Office, the United States Postal Service collects, processes, and delivers nearly 55 million pieces of mail per day.

Last year (1991), 49% of all letter mail was handled on automated equipment. Automated mail processing is 10 times faster than normal processing. This means faster mail service for the mailing public. Automated mail processing also contributes to stabilized postage rates.

The key element in good mail service to the public is proper addressing. As with mail sorted manually in the past, a complete legible address is the key to high quality mail service.

Studies indicate as much as 33% of the mail entering the system for processing contains at least one addressing error. Addressing errors can have a negative effect upon the processing and delivery of mail.

The following is a list of tips for properly addressing your mail:

- * The destination address should appear in the middle of the envelope with recipient's name on the top line.
- * The street address and apartment number or Post Office Box number should appear above the city and state.
- * The bottom line should contain the city, correct two-letter state abbreviation, plus the ZIP

Code (nine-digit ZIP Codes are preferred).

An example of a proper address format is:

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If you must use a dual address, be sure the bottom two lines indicate the point you want the mail delivered to. Example:

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P O Box 219
Miami FL 33152-1219

This example gives the physical address of the company but directs the mail to the proper delivery address, P O Box 219, Miami, FL 33152-1219.

Every piece of mail should bear a correct return address. This will ensure its return to you in the event it is undeliverable. For the best service possible from your postage, remember these addressing guidelines:

- Print clearly or type the address in capital letters.
- Use common abbreviations such as ST, RD, CIR, BLVD. Punctuation is not recommended on addresses.
- Use two-letter state abbreviations.
- Use correct ZIP Codes.

LETTERS - from Page 4...

Please contact me at Town Hall, 786-0400, extension 236 or 237, or please feel free to drop by and see our new district Veterans' Service Office, located on the side of Town Hall (nearest the entrance driveway with the handicapped ramp).

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Deadline for reserving a bench will be April 15th (in order to allow time for plaques to be completed).

Sincerely,
Ruth Blitzas, Veterans' Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Town Hall, Clerk's Office, Conference Room, THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of KIM AND GUY BECK who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B-2 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of an addition, a second floor at the premises identified as 43 JAMES STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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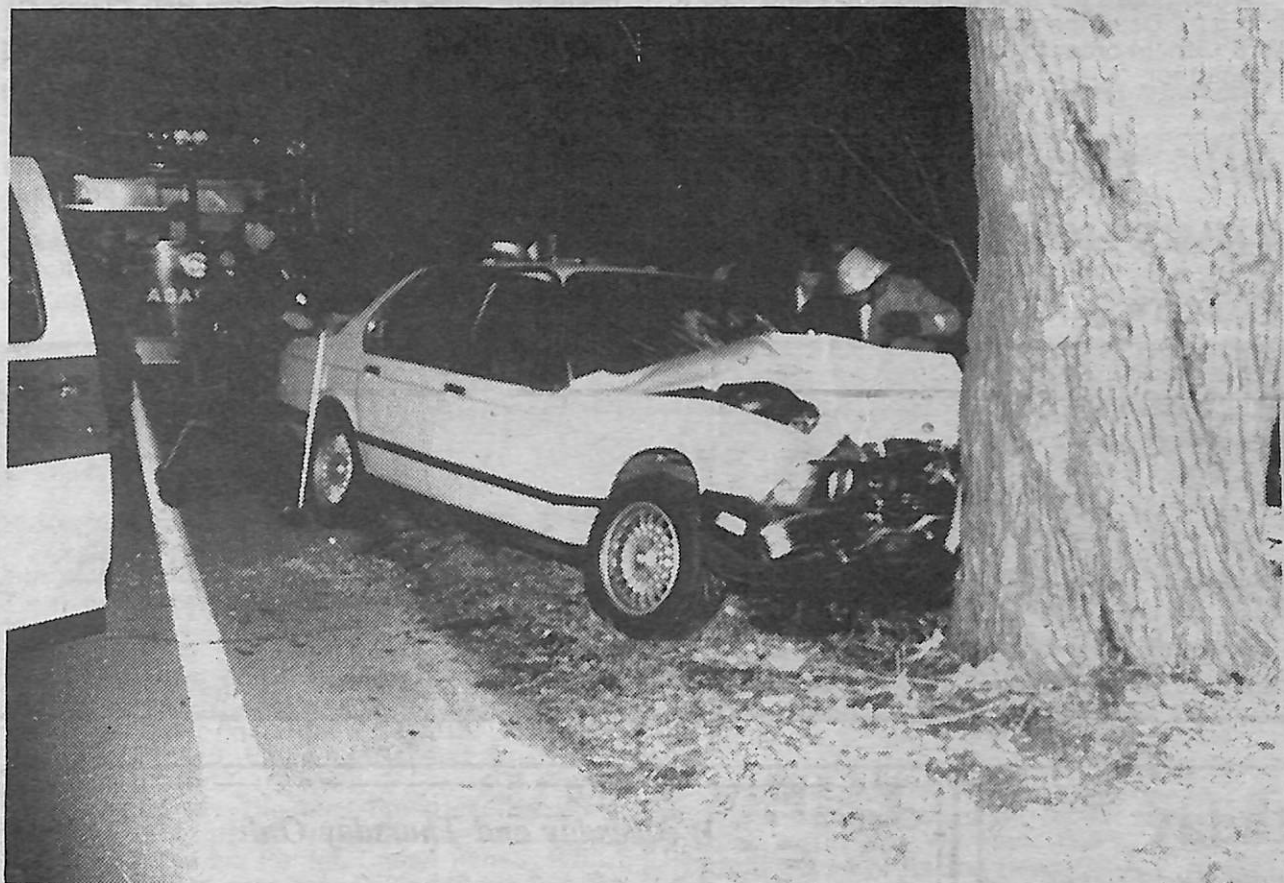
Pork Piccata
Baked Seafood Combo

Mussels And Clams Over Linguine
Chicken And Broccoli Francese



AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS Mark Maczka, Connie Rosenberg, and Mary Manning review voting list at the Agawam Public Library during a meeting of the town committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Suffield Man Dies In River Road Crash



AT PRESSTIME AGAWAM POLICE are still investigating the cause of a crash that took the life of Gerald W. Holder, 61, a prominent civic leader in Suffield, early Monday evening. Holder was driving south along River Road. His car was demolished after it veered off the road and struck a huge tree. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Democrats Elect Slate For State Convention

The following people were elected to be delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention, slated for May 30th at the Worcester Centrum.

These delegates were elected at a caucus of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee on February 29th, at the Agawam Public Library. They will also be representatives to the Senate District Conference slated for April 12th at the First Church of Christ in Springfield.

The delegates include Douglas Bodman, Thomas Ennis, Jr., Joseph Fitzpatrick, Scott Letendre, Louis Russo, James Dunphy, Ronald Hebert, Curt Fuller, Barbara Dunn, Constance Rosenberg, Meanette Vermes, Joanne Willis, Mary Manning, Carolyn Tetreault, and Mary McLaughlin.

District Delegates From Ag. Democrats Selected For Spfld.

The following people were elected as representatives of the Agawam Democratic Party to the Senate District Conference on April 11th, at the First Church of Christ, Springfield.

These delegates were elected at the special meeting of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee on March 9th at the Agawam Public Library.

Delegates include EDWARD LETENDRE, 338 North Street; PAUL CAVALLLO, 31 Pineview Circle; NORMAN MCMAHON, 257 Garden Street; FRED ROSENBERG, 125 North Westfield Street; RUDY ALTOBELLI, 43 Mill Street; THERESA LETENDRE, 338 North Street; JOAN CAVALLLO, 31 Pineview Circle; DAVID MODZELESKI, 624 Suffield Street; RAYMOND CHAREST, 57 Hastings Street; and ERNEST THERRIEN, 19D Mansion Woods Drive.

Walsh Schedules Public Hearings On Utility Issues

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will be holding a public hearing relative to several current electric utility issues. The hearing will be held in the auditorium at the Agawam Middle School, Main Street, Agawam, on Thursday, March 19th, at 6:30 p.m.

Representatives from the Department of Public Utilities and the Attorney General's office are expected to attend and make presentations. Among the issues to be discussed will be an explanation of the rate-making process; the role of the Department of Public Utilities; potential energy needs of this area in the future; the status of Northeast Utilities' acquisition of Public Service of New Hampshire; and the role of nuclear power.

The public is invited and encouraged to voice their concerns over these issues and other related matters.

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Agawam Obituaries

Dorothy S. Vaughan

Dorothy S. (McCoy) Vaughan, 65, of Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived there, and later in West Springfield and Agawam for the last 15 years. Her husband, Arthur L. Vaughan, died in 1969.

She leaves two sons, Michael L. Bogacz of West Springfield and Walter J. Bogacz of Agawam; a daughter, Nancy A. Baker of Agawam; four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial at Oak Gove Cemetery in Springfield at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, 01040.

Angelo Martino

Angelo "Mike Martin" Martino, 78, of Agawam, a retired 10-year machine operator at Smith & Wesson Inc., died at Baystate Medical Center recently.

He retired in 1983. Born and schooled in Winsted, Connecticut, he lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1950.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Dante Club of West Springfield. His wife, the former Doris M. McTaggart, died in 1984.

He leaves a son, John W. of East Longmeadow; three daughters, Judith A. Rusciano of Chicopee, and Marcia D. Bellefeuille and Patricia L. DeForge of Agawam; two brothers, Jack of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Joseph of West Palm Beach, Florida; a sister, Anna Batchelder of St. Petersburg; nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Thomas's Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Catherine Mayo

Catherine (Barbero) Mayo, 91, of 21 King Street, died in a local nursing home.

A lifelong resident of this town, she was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Her husband, Charles Mayo, died in 1973.

She leaves a daughter, Angelina Mayo of Westfield; two brothers, Emile of Agawam and Frank of Springfield; and a sister, Bessie Panetti of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Catherine Shaer Keefe

Catherine Shaer Keefe, 73, of 16 Pickman Street, Salem, and 15 Reed Street, Agawam, died recently in Salem Hospital.

She was a bookkeeper for Chatfield Paper Co. and the former Whitney Anderson Paper Co., both in Springfield.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, she lived in Agawam for most of her life before moving to Salem three years ago.

She was a 1936 graduate of Agawam High School.

She was a member of St. Anthony Maronite Church in Springfield and its Women's Guild and Mount Lebanon Women's Club.

Her husband, Donald R. Keefe, died in 1976.

She leaves two daughters, Dr. Kathleen Keefe Ternes of Salem and Donna M. Keefe of Cambridge; two sisters, Jamelle T. Shaer and Mary A. Shaer, both of Agawam; and a grandchild.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 505 North Parkway, Memphis, TN 38105, or the Maronite Youth Organization, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118.

Mayor Forming Task Force For Handicap Law

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson has announced that he has begun the process of bringing the town into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

ADA was passed into law in 1991 and becomes effective in steps beginning this year. The law requires that the public and private sectors become totally accessible in the provision of services and employment to persons with disabilities.

"The extension of full rights of citizenship to all persons with disabilities is long overdue. Discrimination against anyone with a disability will not be tolerated in Agawam."

"It will be the goal of this administration that all services provided by the town will become accessible as quickly as possible, and our employment practices will reflect all the provisions of ADA," said Johnson.

Mayor Appoints Task Force

The Mayor has appointed the town's Personnel Director, Susan Rush, and Richard Mundo, executive director of the Agawam Counseling on Aging, as co-chairs of Agawam's ADA Task Force. Additional members will be named in the near future, Johnson said, but the work of the task force will begin immediately.

The task force will evaluate all town services, personnel practices, and municipal buildings to ascertain what will be required to make them completely accessible.

The Mayor pointed out that while the federal government has mandated equal access of all government programs and services, it has not provided any funding to carry out the order, making it difficult during these tough economic times to do larger capital projects (in order to make all public buildings accessible).

The task force is expected to provide the Mayor with a plan of action by mid-summer.

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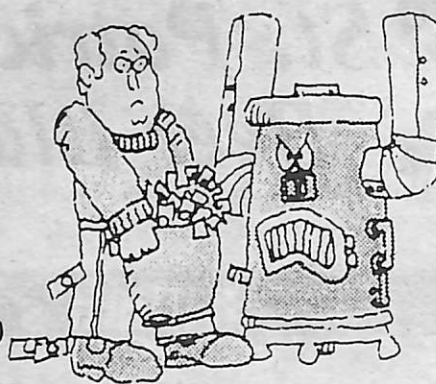


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DA Bennett Appearing At Senior Center

Hampden County District Attorney William Bennett will be speaking at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, March 23rd, as part of the Center's continuing 12:30 program.

D.A. Bennett's topic will be "Crimes Against Elders," and he will take questions and comments from the audience. Mark it on your calendar to be with us for this important discussion.

For more information, contact the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242 or 243.

Forum On Public Health System To Be Aired By Agawam Council On Aging March 18th

Agawam's Council on Aging will present the forum "Building A Better Health Care System: America's Challenge of the 1990's" on Wednesday, March 18th, from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

The community forum leaders will be two representatives from the Forest Park chapter of

Attorney Stephen H. Newman, Democratic candidate for State Senate in the First Hampden District, stated this week that, as he sees it, the only feasible resolution to the auto insurance problem is the repeal of the no-fault system of insurance and a return to the fault system of insurance, thus putting responsibility for injuries on the person at fault.

Newman further stated that the bill currently being sponsored by Governor Weld, the so-called "Verbal Threshold" system, would be the worst consumer rip-off by insurance companies in the history of auto insurance.

"Although proponents of the verbal threshold system claim a possible savings of 15 to 20 percent, they fail to tell the consumer the awesome extent that their legal rights are being abrogated," he explained.

A.A.R.P.—Bob Northgraves, president, and Estelle Glazer, community health representative.

The presentation is free of charge and open to all members of the public, regardless of age. Contact Sandra S. Smith, activities director for the Agawam Senior Center, at 786-0400, extension 242, for more information.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 19, 1992 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 881 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for an amendment to its Rules and Regulations. A copy of the proposed amendment can be reviewed in the Agawam Planning Office.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Published: March 12, 1992

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Town Hall Clerk's Office, Conference Room, THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1992 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MARK AND FRANCES CANCELLIERE who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B-2 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of an addition, a second floor, at the premises identified as 269 NORTH STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman
Published: March 12, 1992

LEGAL NOTICE

"Consumers must realize that they are losing their right to sue a wrongful party unless they die, are dismembered, or suffer permanent internal organ damage," continued Newman, adding, "The verbal threshold would no longer consider fractures a serious injury. The insurance companies would be virtually eliminating 75 to 85 percent of personal injury claims, thus enjoying windfall profits in the hundreds of millions of dollars."

According to Newman, consumers should be very aware of the ramifications of the verbal threshold, and the serious impact that it could have on them if they are injured in an auto accident.

He further suggested that consumers contact their legislators at once and let them know that this type of irresponsible legislation is not acceptable, and will not be tolerated.

Students From STCC Will Help With Tax Forms At Lib.

Students from Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) will offer FREE ASSISTANCE with the preparation of the 1991 federal income tax returns at the Agawam Public Library on two Thursdays, March 19th and April 2nd, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax help in the community for people with basic tax returns, particularly lower income and elderly taxpayers.

Professor Herd, the VITA Coordinator at STCC, urges residents who have questions or need help with their returns, to stop by the library on the days listed.

WMass Disabled To Meet At Ag. VFW April 6th

The next meeting of the Disabled of Western Massachusetts, Inc., will take place on April 6th at the Agawam V.F.W., South Street, Agawam, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Congressman Richard Neal.

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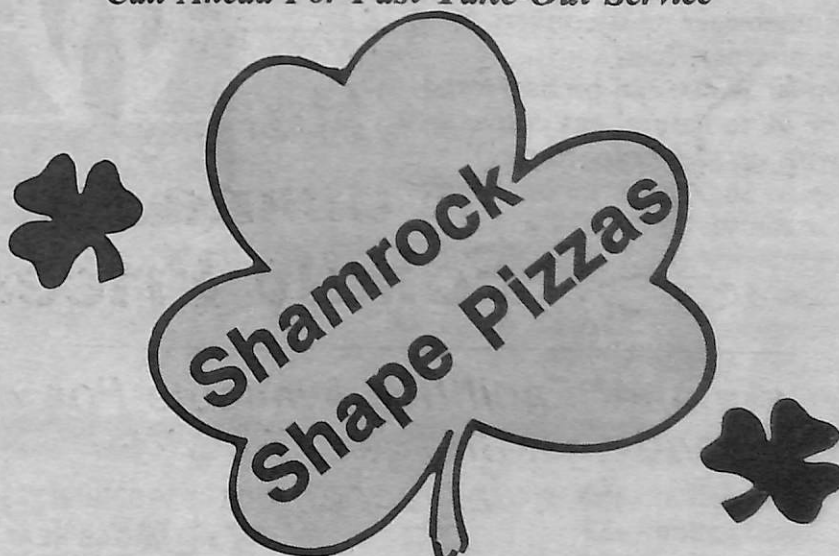
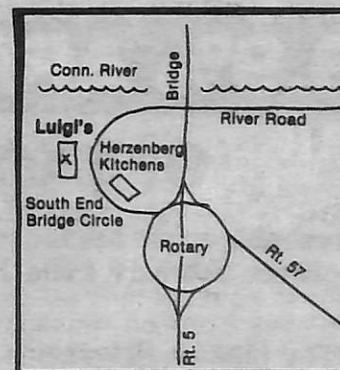
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Families

Women's History Month On Display At Library



WOMEN'S ACTIVIST MEANNETTE VERMES of Feeding Hills is pictured at the Women's Exhibit at the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kallipolites Family Has New Baby Girl

Jim and Jodi Kallipolites would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Britney Faye. She was born on Thursday, March 5th, at Wesson Women's. Britney weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 ounces, and was 20 1/4" long.

The proud grandparents are Paul and Gail Pirnie of Feeding Hills, and John and Maria Kallipolites of Agawam.

The Kallipolites family is also very proud to announce that Britney is the first girl to be born into the family in 50 years.



THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY currently is displaying during March, designated Women's History Month, memorabilia of women's history. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson has declared March "Women's History Month" in Agawam. Books about women's history are also on display with old postcards and other items from the suffrage movement. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. If we can help, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137.

Pereira Named By Fire Dept.

The Springfield Fire Commission has promoted Robert Pereira of Agawam to deputy fire chief by unanimous vote.

Pereira, 36, became a Springfield firefighter in June 1977. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1985 and became a captain in 1988. Pereira scored highest on a Civil Service examination a year ago.



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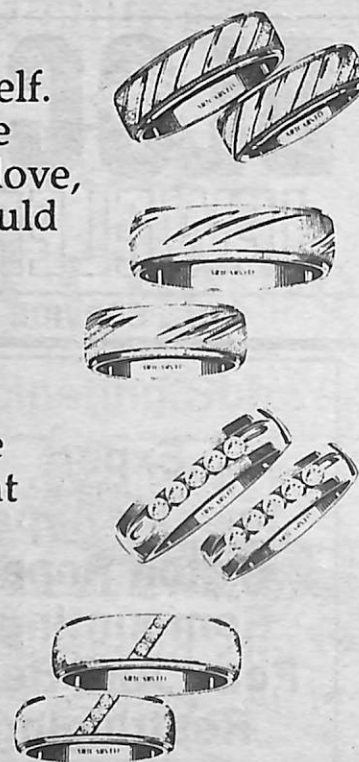


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SHELLEY ROSE (left) and TAMMIE DROWNOWSKI volunteered their time to assist with a bake sale held at Feeding Hills Congregational during the recent church supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rev. David G. Caron At St. John's March 18

Reverend Father David G. Caron, Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Springfield, will celebrate the 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, March 18th.

Father Caron will speak on "Repentance and Reconciliation." Following the Mass, confessions will be heard.



FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held another of its popular church suppers recently. IN TOP PHOTO, John & Mary Ellen Mineo were part of the kitchen crew; IN PHOTO BELOW, Carol Rosenberg and Katie Moore look over the evening menu. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Ag. Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, March 17th: Cream of broccoli soup, open faced roast beef sandwich, potato rounds, prunes.

Wednesday, March 18th: Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, brownie.

Thursday, March 19th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, peas, Canadian oat bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, March 20th: Salmon loaf, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, vanilla pudding with whipped topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

"Town Fair" Sponsored By Junior Women

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a Town Fair on Saturday, May 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (raindate May 30th) at Perry Lane Park.

The fair will feature games, food, balloons, a dunking booth, face painting, and other fun activities for families. Admission will be free.

Game booths are available to any Agawam organization interested in a fundraiser. Each organization can develop its own idea for a game,

create the booth, run it the day of the fair, and receive profit from the booth for the organization.

The Juniors will be doing a lot of advance publicity for the fair and hope to make it a real Town Fair with a number of different organizations working together. Join in the fun!

If your organization is interested in sponsoring a booth or for more information, contact Nancy Campi at 786-9972 by March 15th.

Artisans Sought For West Side Craft Fair

Crafters are being sought for the 7th Annual Mother's Day Craft Fair sponsored by the Community Women of West Springfield.

The Fair will be held on the Town Common on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Community Women of West Springfield, Attention: Mother's Day Craft Fair, P.O. Box 576, West Springfield, MA 01090. Application deadline is April 10th.

A \$25 fee will be charged for each 15' x 15' space. This is a non-juried show.

Coin Show Slated At Dante Club

The West Springfield Coin Club will hold its Semi-annual Coin Show at the Dante Club on Baldwin Street, West Springfield, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29th.

Coin dealers will be exhibiting as well as buying and selling coins and giving free appraisals. Admission is free.

The Dante Club is located across from the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Avenue.

For further information, contact Peter Setian at 596-9871.

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O glorious Saint Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I implore your Miraculous Intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "Prodigy of Miracles...the Greatest Saint of Modern Times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth...of letting fall from Heaven a Shower of Roses. Henceforth, dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere" and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. "...a Shower of Roses" - St. Therese.

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O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

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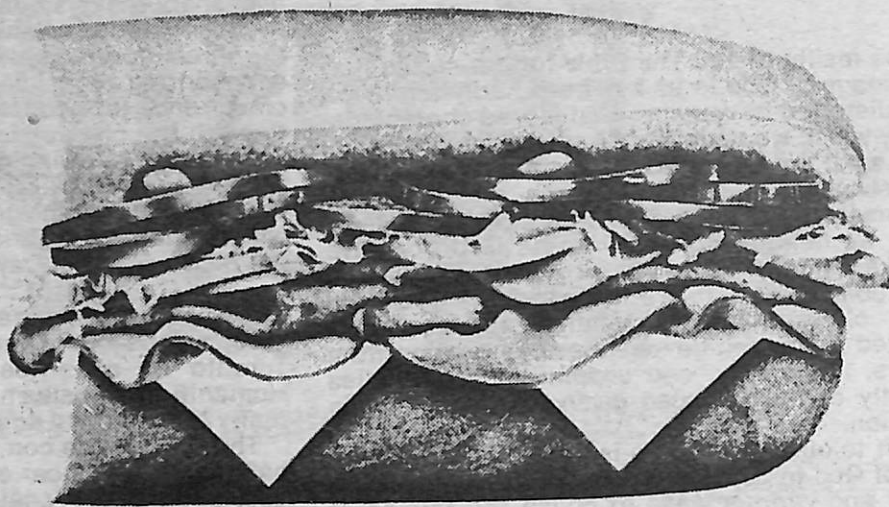
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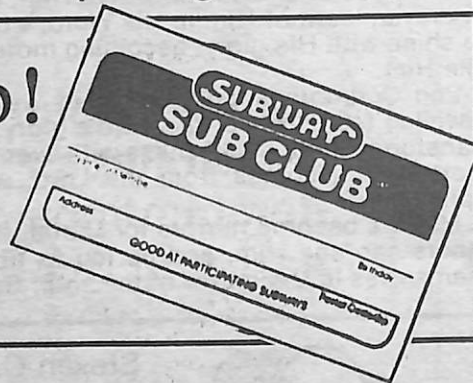


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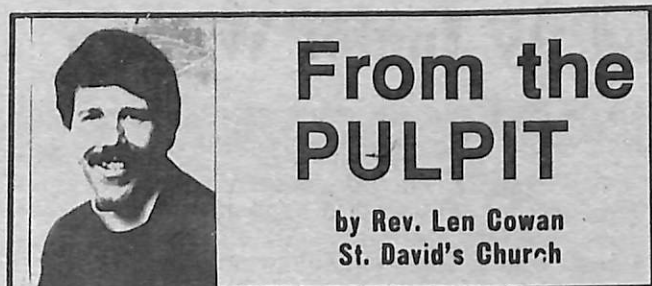


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The Mirror Of The Soul

When you look in the mirror the first thing in the morning, what do you see?

Perhaps you see a beautiful face looking back at you (at least I hope you do!), but, if you're anything like me, you also see some defects that need attention: a beard that needs shaving, hair that needs brushing, and wrinkles that need accepting.

Just as there is a mirror of the body that we can daily look into, so there is a mirror of the soul that not only shows us that we are beautiful, but also reveals some defects that need attention.

The mirror I'm talking about is the Bible, the Word of God, which shows us who we are in the light of its primary revelation of God in His Son, Jesus Christ.

As you look into the soul mirror of the scriptures, I hope you see three things:

The Image of God. The Bible declares that you and I are unique, possessing characteristics that reflect the glory of God. Genesis 1:27 declares that God created humankind in his own image; male and female, He created them.

As such we possess such attributes as intelligence, creativity, self-awareness, relatedness to others, morality, and spirituality—qualities which God possesses and which He bestows upon us. Never forget, even when the mirrors of the body or of this world may tell you that you are ugly or worthless, that when it comes to God's mirror, the mirror of the soul, you shine with a special brilliance.

As the saying goes, "God don't make junk!", and that includes you, who are His precious creation.

The reality of sin. The Bible further states that the image of God in us has been badly tarnished and distorted by our sin—that inbred characteristic by which we resist God's creative and redemptive work in our lives, and make a mess of ourselves.

Romans 1:21 declares that, although we knew God, we neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, and our thinking became futile and our foolish hearts were darkened. As such, we have claimed such attributes as ignorance, stunted living, self-centeredness, alienation from others, immorality, and unspirituality—qualities directly opposing those given to us by God in creation.

Left to ourselves, there is no hope that the image of God in us can be restored. Though we try many and various ways to polish the tarnish of sin, it is of no avail, sort of like trying to clean a mirror with a brillo pad.

But then along comes Jesus, **The Image of God**, God Himself, a human like one of us, who shines before us, showing us not only who God really is, but also who we are created to be, and who we can become in Him.

Some of us have encountered Him personally, and have asked Him to forgive our sin and to restore the image of God in us in His likeness.

And so I hope that you also see a third picture in the mirror of your soul: **the Presence of God in Jesus Christ**, making you truly beautiful in His image and likeness.

Once you and I see Him, meet Him, talk to Him in prayer, learn of Him in His Word, we will begin to shine with His glory, becoming more and more like Him.

2nd Corinthians 3:18 says that we, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

May we become mirrors for Christ, in which others can see Him, and be led to find Him for themselves in the mirror of the soul, God's Word.

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AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH Youth Group members pictured last summer at Evanwood Center in Kingston, Mass., to begin a 13-day mission.

Agawam Baptist Church Youth Group Unveil Busy Spring Calendar Of Events

Last summer the youth group from the First Baptist Church in Agawam journeyed to the Evanwood Center for Older Adults in Kingston, Massachusetts, for a 13-day "Mission Trip."

The Evanwood Center played host to the 22-member group as they completed a number of necessary tasks around the campus.

Jobs included washing windows and screens in the three-story complex; grounds work; repairing and painting a large deck; installation of park benches; and the construction of a nature trail through the campus to the shore of the lake.

The path, allowing residents a first-time opportunity to see the lake, was named "The Agawam Trail" in honor of the group. The group also visited with residents daily and implemented programs in the facility's Adult Day Care Program.

This coming summer (July 10th thru 19th), the group will be journeying to Buffalo, New York, and Toronto for a service project with Habitat for Humanity. Enthusiasm is growing with the opportunity to help build housing for the less fortunate.

Throughout the coming months, the group will be hosting a number of fundraisers to defray the cost of the trip. A goal of \$2,800 has been set for the fundraising campaign.

The public is invited to the following fundraisers to support the group in its endeavor:

- * **March 28th—Craft Fair**
Rent a booth for \$15 to \$20, or attend at no cost.
- * **April 4th—Pancake Breakfast**
8:00 to 10:30 a.m.—adults, \$3.50; children (under 12), \$2.
- * **May 2nd—"Spring Clean-Up Day" (all day)**
Hire group members and leaders to do work around your home.
- * **May 10th—Mother's Day Breakfast**
7:30 to 9:30 a.m.—adults, \$3.50; children, \$2 (moms free with family member).
- * **May 30th—Spaghetti Dinner**
Adults, \$5; children, \$2.50
- * **May 30th—Car Wash & Bake Sale**
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—\$2.
- * **June 6th—Pancake Breakfast**
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon—adults, \$3.50; children, \$2.

Twenty-dollar (\$20) "Mission Trip Stock Certificates" will be sold. Shareholders are entitled to send-off celebration, welcome home party, and slide show presentation.

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Speaking From The Bible...

Death & Taxes

by Tom Crouse

Assistant Pastor, Faith Bible Church, Agawam

April 15th will soon be upon us, and as many of you know, that is the day that you must file your taxes by.

What you might not know is that there is a form you can file that will allow you to take longer to settle your debt with the I.R.S.

Did you also know that, amazingly enough, there are some religions that teach you can do the same thing with God? They teach that once you die and you have a debt to settle with God (and we all have), you can actually have some time to work it out. Sort of a second chance.

You need to know that the Bible teaches no such thing. In fact, the Bible is quite clear that once you die and stand before God, your account has been paid for—either by the blood of Jesus Christ that you accepted as payment for your sins when you took Him as your Lord and Saviour, or your account has been paid for by you spending eternity in Hell!

There is no second chance, there is no time after you pass away to get things right. You will spend eternity in either the paradise of Heaven, or in the flames of Hell, and the destiny has already been decided by how you chose to pay your debt.

How will you pay your debt to God? Make no mistake, you will pay—one way or another.

As you know, the only two things we can be sure of are death and taxes.

St. Patrick's Supper At Ag. Methodist Church

The Agawam United Methodist Church invites the community to its St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 15th, at 4:00 p.m., at the church. There will be no charge, although donations toward the cost of the meal will be accepted.

Irish songs will be sung and a complete meal will be served. Leadership for the dinner includes John B. Quinn and Percy Mickey. Anyone wishing to help serve may call Percy Mickey at 786-7992, or come to the church at noontime or later.

The Sunday Worship and Sunday School on March 15th will be at 9:30 a.m. and will be Cub Scout Recognition Day, with members of the church's active Pack 85 assisting in the worship in uniform. Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "The Weeping Christ."

The public is invited to the service and the coffee-fellowship hour to follow. Nursery and child care are provided.

On Sunday, at 7:00 p.m., members of all churches and any Christian believers are invite to an Agawam Community Prayer Service for raising of hymns and prayers of our systems of government, education, justice, and other concerns of state, nation, and the world.

Agawam United Methodist Church is located on Route 57, across from Agawam High School's Harmon Smith Field. For more information, contact Pastor Hill at 786-5378.

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Western Mass. Home Show Giving Away \$1,000 To Lucky Viewer Of Model Homes

Somebody will be enjoying a thousand dollars after HOME SHOW '92. That person will win \$1,000 in cash in the Home Show's \$1,000 Home Town, USA Giveaway.

It's easy to play: participants simply need to visit four of the model homes on display in Home Town, USA, the outdoor exhibit area of the "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show.

The five fully furnished and landscaped homes in Home Town, USA represent a range of today's living styles, from an expandable Cape to a two-story Colonial, to a '90's log cabin.

HOME SHOW '92 will open on Tuesday, March 24th with a sneak preview of the model houses in Home Town, USA, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Home Town, USA will be open at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday as well.

To enter the Home Town, USA Giveaway, showgoers must pick up, complete and deposit a completed entry form at any of the model homes in

Home Town, USA. The entry form must include the stamps of at least four different model homes. Entry blanks are located in all model homes.

The drawing for the \$1,000 cash giveaway will be held in Home Town, USA at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the Home Show, Sunday, March 29th. The winner need not be present at the drawing.

No purchase is necessary to enter. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Complete contest rules and notification details are available from the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, sponsor of HOME SHOW '92.

HOME SHOW '92 will run Tuesday, March 24th through Sunday, March 29th at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. In its 39th year, the "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show is New England's biggest annual home expo, bringing home enthusiasts of every lifestyle a panorama of products and services for their living environment.

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Scholarship Dinner At Ag. Congregational Called Big Success

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, wishes to announce that its Nick Zucco Scholarship Dinner was a super success!

Over 200 guests were served, and they responded with their generous donations. The dinner raised over \$1,700, and many thanks to the Zucco family who attended and continues to support the church in this endeavor.

The winners of the Silent Auction were **Lisa & Mark Ruddock**; the get-away weekend at Cape Cod, **Tom Erskine**; the two StageWest tickets, **Eleanor Toussaint**; and the junior season passes for Riverside Park, **Sue Romano**.

The night was capped off by great entertainment from magician Tom O'Brien. We thank all who attended and generously donated; our college-bound students are truly blessed by our caring, loving and supportive church.

LENTEN PROGRAMS:

Lenten midweek service on Wednesday, March 18th. Half-hour service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Relate Bible Study Series is held every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Barry Toussaint and Reverend Fuller will conduct this half hour program that relates God's word to the reality of everyday life.



PICTURED AT THE RECENT Nick Zucco Scholarship Dinner at the Agawam Congregational Church are, from left - Reverend Floyd Bryan, Carol Treganowan, Ray Wyckoff, Dolly LaFleur, and Rev. Curt Fuller. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Story Hours At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is continuing its **Thornton W. Burgess Story Hours** on two Saturdays in March at 2:00 p.m.

Story telling sessions are scheduled for March 14th and 28th. During his prolific career, Burgess published over 50 children's books, many written from his studio on the banks of the Laughing Brook.

Meet Peter Rabbit, Reddy Fox, Jimmy Skunk and many other favorite characters in these classic nature tales as told by Mother West Wind. The story hours, which take place in the cozy atmosphere of the author's former home, are included in the price of admission.

Laughing Brook is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The wildlife exhibit area is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission to the sanctuary is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 16 and seniors.

Massachusetts Audubon members and children under three are admitted at no charge. For further information, call Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Begins Plans For May "Town Fair"

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a TOWN FAIR on Saturday, May 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (rain date is May 30th) at Perry Lane Park.

The fair will feature games, food, balloons, a dunking booth, face painting, and other fun activities for families. Admission will be free. Game booths are available to any Agawam organization interested in a fundraiser.

Each organization can develop its own idea for a game, create the booth, run it the day of the fair,

and receive profit from the booth for the organization.

The Agawam Junior Women will be providing extensive, advance publicity for the fair and hope to make it a real townwide effort with many different organizations working together. Join in the fun!

If your organization is interested in sponsoring a booth or for more information, contact Nancy Campi at 786-9972 by March 20th.

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Pick-up of plants will be Saturday, April 11th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

To order, please call Diane at 786-5540 or Nancy at 786-9972 by March 17th.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the club's community projects. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Irish Dinner At Valley Community

The "Luck of the Irish" will be with those attending the corned beef and cabbage supper at Valley Community Church on Saturday, March 14th, with continuous servings between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The traditional boiled dinner will include a generous portion of corned beef, boiled cabbage, potatoes, carrots and onions, as well as cottage cheese, salad, pickles, rolls and butter, beverages (coffee or tea), and (of course!) dessert.

The price for all this is just \$6, and kids are just half price! To help in planning, please call the church office for reservations at 786-2445.

Family Style Supper At Ag. Baptist Church

Agawam Baptist Church will hold a family style ham and bean supper on Saturday, March 21st, with serving times at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will include baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, beverages (coffee, tea, or milk), and assorted homemade pies for dessert.

The prices for the supper are \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children (under 10 years of age). For reservations, please call 786-8570 (Thorpe), 786-8609 (Webster), or 786-8209 (Werthamer).

If you find that you are unable to honor your reservation, please call and cancel.

Yeah Vincienzo Santos! Bryan D. MacDonald Enlists In Army



CONGRATULATIONS to Vincienzo P. Santos, son of Al & Patty Santos of Agawam. Vincienzo recently competed in the Hemisphere Regional Pageant held in Chicopee. He was the winner of the Toddler Boys' Category and also won best dressed. He will now go on to represent this region in the State Finals in June. Vincienzo would like to thank his sponsors.

AHS Class Of 1937 Plans 55th Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1937 is holding its 55th reunion at the Storowton Inn in West Springfield on March 28th, 1992. There will be a reception at 6:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m.

Any interested class members who have not already done so, may make reservations by contacting Bill Walsh at 107 Maple Street in Agawam or by calling 786-0071.

Friends from other classes are also welcome.

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Bryan D. MacDonald, of Feeding Hills, son of Geoffrey and Patricia MacDonald, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve's Delayed Training Program (DTP), and will report for basic training on September 1st.

The Agawam High School senior will take basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

MacDonald has chosen the position of intercept tactical systems repairer as his military occupational specialty, and will be assigned to the HHC, 126th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Sgt. James Bedrin of the Springfield Army recruiting station assisted MacDonald in his enlistment.

Joanne Ryan Receives Esthetician's License

Congratulations to Joanne Ryan, daughter of Joseph and Janice Ryan of 19 Fruwirth Avenue, and granddaughter of Ernest and Ethel Dumond of 29 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, for completing her practical and written examinations and receiving her Esthetician's Certification License from the state of Massachusetts.

Ms. Ryan is a graduate of Agawam High School and recently graduated from Elizabeth Grady School of Estheticians. She is currently employed by BeauxVisage of South Hadley, MA, and the H.P. Hood Corporation of Suffield, CT.

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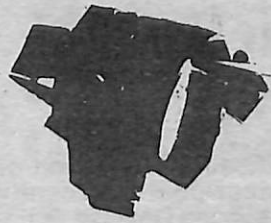
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BARBARA GOEHLERT (sitting) and **PEGGY LIGHT** keep the office running smoothly at Sliech Auto Body in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SLIECH AUTO BODY, under the ownership of Feeding Hills resident John Sliech, and located on Springfield Street, just across from the Agawam Police Station, is looking forward to 1992 as another year of continued excellence in the auto body business. Sliech Auto Body is well-known in this area for its quality craftsmanship. The modern facility has state-of-the-art equipment. Need help with your auto body? Call John Sliech at 789-2366. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

High Marks Again For Westfield Savings

Westfield Savings Bank held its annual meeting recently at Oak Ridge Country Club. President Donald Williams reported 1991 Net Income of \$1,107,299.

Mr. Williams noted that, "Despite a slow economy and a soft real estate market, Westfield Savings Bank continues to prosper by remaining focused on the needs of our customers."

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Net Income growth was mirrored by Deposit and Asset growth; both of these figures set new high figures for the bank. Deposits grew \$25,211,925 to \$337,525,296. Concurrently, Assets grew \$28,539,409 to \$372,712,860.

This growth continues to solidify Westfield Savings Bank's position as a fiscally conservative, responsible banking institution; bank surplus to assets stands at a healthy 9.13%. The bank continues to closely monitor expenses to assure continued profitable operations.

Mr. Williams concluded the meeting by noting, "Initial indications are that housing sales will pick up in 1992 and should aid us in achieving a profitable 1992."



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**Managing Your Money...
Flexibility Important
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by Tim Ayre
Merrill Lynch Financial Consultant

Flexibility is the capacity to adjust to change—to invest assets in whatever instruments seem to offer the best potential for total return at any specific time.

For many long-term investors, a flexible approach to investing holds more appeal than ever. And, most realize the benefits of investments that seek to attain both capital appreciation and current income.

For investors seeking the highest total return consistent with prudent risk, you should consider a balanced mutual fund that combines all of these characteristics: high-quality securities, flexibility, diversification, professional management, and an investment objective to seek total return.

A fund with flexibility can redeploy its assets swiftly and efficiently into alternative investments when prevailing market trends signal a major change in the investment environment.

For example, a flexible fund can rely on common stocks to seek the capital appreciation objective of its total return strategy, and on fixed-income securities for the income portion.

An emphasis on high-quality, well-capitalized issues generally tends to assure capital appreciation over the long term. And, a heavy cash or cash alternative position can be an effective haven in a stormy market.

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Shamrock Pizza From Luigi's Pizza



JIM PLANZO, owner and operator of Luigi's Pizza on the South End Bridge Circle, Agawam, shows-off his special Shamrock Pizza for St. Patrick's Day. Jim's wife, Kathy, and little son, Nick, both approve of Jim's creation. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

by Raymond Rose
Financial/Marketing Consultant
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Before I start with this week's article about lending money, I want to say **THANK YOU** to the many of you that have taken the time to compliment me on the information contained in this column...your comments are very much appreciated! I'll always do my best to focus on today's common concerns and share important information.

Next, I want to remind you about my upcoming seminar/workshop regarding **SELLING YOUR HOME IN TODAY'S MARKETPLACE**. It will take place on Tuesday evening, March 24th, between the hours of 6:45 and 8:45 p.m....and another one Saturday, March 28th, between the hours of 2:15 and 4:15 p.m.

The workshops will be held at **AMANDA'S RESTAURANT** (the restaurant will be closed), 740 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, near the Police Station (special thanks to Dave Tourville for letting us use his restaurant).

I will discuss several of the most critical areas that are **ALWAYS OVERLOOKED BY ALL HOME SELLERS/AGENCIES**...areas that I firmly believe are essential for a fast sale at top dollar in today's marketplace.

Best of all, it's **FREE!** Tell all your friends about this important workshop. For more information, call me at 786-5241.

Lending Money To Family & Friends

Based on the slowdown in the economy, I'm seeing/hearing about many unfortunate unemployed people asking others to lend them money...both small and large amounts.

Although the parties involved always have the best intentions, loans to friends or relatives can often become sticky business.

ALWAYS use the same amount of care (or more) in lending money to a friend/family member as any institution would take in making a loan.

When someone approaches you about a loan, make it very clear that this is a business deal and you will evaluate it as such.

By taking this approach, you help remove some of the emotional strain involved for both of you. In the long run, you will also reduce the risk of losing your money.

Analyze the situation as a banker would...

—What is the current amount of their weekly income?

—What is the current amount of their bills due on a monthly basis?

—How good is your friend's credit? (If possible, run a credit check and analyze your friend's current position.)

—How will they use the money?

—How will they acquire the funds needed to pay you back?

—When will your friend begin repaying the loan?

—How often will payments be made?

—Are you going to charge interest...and how much?

TIM AYRE - from Page 17...

In addition, a balanced fund may be overweighted in common stocks when the market is rising, but when stocks lose their momentum, the fund can move from a strong equity position into other instruments favored by prevailing market conditions.

Flexibility allows a fund to move aggressively

to take advantage of the opportunities offered by successive stages of changing markets. There are many balanced funds to choose from; I would suggest consulting with a professional before choosing one.

If you'd like some info or have any questions regarding this article, give me a ring at Merrill Lynch (785-4141).

It's Piggy's To The Rescue!!!



ED & CYNTHIA GRIFFIN, owners of **Piggy's Pizza & Burgers** in Feeding Hills Center, donated dough to make over 70 dozen cookies to the Agawam Junior Women's Club for sale at the Agawam Town Fair in May. The fair is being sponsored by the Junior Women's Club and will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, at Perry Lane Park. Accepting the donation are Junior Women's Club members **Diane Graveline** and **Nancy Campi** (right). Advertiser News photo by

Jack Devine.

—What will happen if your friend becomes tardy in the payments?

—What is your friend willing to pledge as security in case he defaults on the loan?

I know by now you're probably thinking that I'm going overboard by requesting all this information...but let's fact it, there's quite a few people in today's marketplace who are in financial trouble...and many of these same people thought that it could never happen to them.

For example, do you think that some of the people that are losing their homes today through foreclosure would have ever considered that this would occur to them...of course not!...unforeseen incidents occur.

EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES...always check to see that your friend or relative has examined the alternative sources for a loan. The most obvious include:

- Banks/Credit Unions
- Refinancing their home
- Taking a second mortgage on their house
- Taking a loan on whole life insurance policy
- Examining their company pension, profit-sharing, or savings plan
- Reviewing the assets from their brokerage/money market account
- Using funds from their IRA account
- Applying at the Small Business Administration, if the loan is for a new or existing business
- Taking a cash advance from a credit card
- Asking for a pay advance at work (if employed)

The advantage of this exercise is that it casts you in the role of financial advisor...and not just a

friend or relative. More importantly, you may help the other person pinpoint a source of funds he/she overlooked.

PUT IT IN WRITING...whether the loan is to a friend or a member of your family, any agreement should be in writing. Forms of promissory notes (also known as IOUs), which are often available in stationery stores and at the Agawam Public Library, can be used for this purpose.

What should be included in the agreement?...at a minimum, it should specify the amount of the loan, its terms (the amount of the payments, and when payments should be made), and the interest rate, if any.

You may want the interest on the loan to compensate you for the income lost as a result of making the loan. For example, on a one-year loan, at a minimum, consider charging the going rate on one-year certificates of deposit...why should you lose the interest?

Once the note has been completed, you may want to sign the document in front of a notary public, with each party keeping a copy for their records.

Please realize that the main purpose of my writing all this information about lending money is not to frighten your friend or relative into thinking that you will bring him/her into court if they don't pay...but to emphasize the fact that borrowing money is a serious business...and by bringing it to this level, you'll feel much more comfortable, too.

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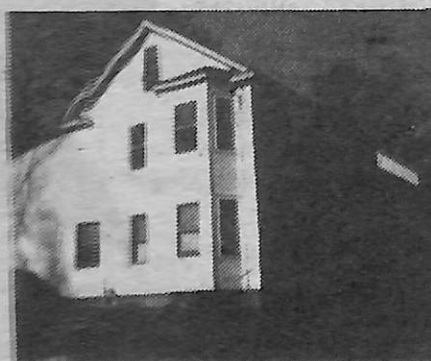
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For Your Health

Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel
M.S., S.M.C.



Be Aware Of The Basic Human Fears!!!

QUESTION: Dear Dr. Sobel—You were very informative in a recent interview that I heard you on (this was on the nationally broadcast SUN radio network from Tampa, Florida).

You spoke about the idea that we all have basic human fears and it is important to know what they are.

I only heard part of the broadcast. Can you please tell me the fears you were speaking about and why we need to be aware of them. You do a great service to the community.

THANK YOU.

L.T., Feeding Hills

RESPONSE: Thanks for writing. What I was speaking about on this nationally-acclaimed radio show was that all people have basic human fears. I feel it is important to be aware of these so that you can start to make small changes and take more positive actions in each fear area.

The basic fears that I referred to were: **the fear of success, the fear of conflict, the fear of failure, and the fear of rejection.**

Many people handle their fears well while some do not. I suggest that each person write down what specific fears they have in each area and then, in an adjoining column on the same piece of paper, list one new action per week that you will take to deal with the fear.

When you take small steps to address your fears, you may see excellent results over a period of time. Fears, many times, will actually never "go away"—the real challenge is to take sensible steps to address them.

STRESS CHECK—Special Info For AAN Readers:

* **UPCOMING SPECIAL SEMINAR**—We invite you to experience the seminar "CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM and PERSONAL SUCCESS."

This powerful and inspiring seminar will take place on Tuesday evening, March 17th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dr. Sobel will present great ideas/insights on how to stay positive and how to obtain success in your life. **Cost is only \$10 per person. Call 785-1259 for more info. Seating is limited!**

* Dr. Sobel's new book, "The Good Times Handbook - Your Guide To Positive Living and an EXCITING Life," is available at the special price of \$10 plus \$2.50 for postage and handling. Massachusetts residents are asked to please add 5% sales tax as well.

Mail your check payable to Dr. Steve Sobel to: Dr. Steve Sobel, The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089. Please enclose your name and full mailing address on a separate piece of paper. Allow one week for delivery.

Dr. Sobel will also mail you, free of charge, his "Ten Strategies For Success, Happiness and Expanded Comic Vision." Write to him or call 785-1259—ask for free audiotape listing as well, if you like.

Medicine Cabinet Can Prevent Tragedies In Your Home

Handling medical emergencies at home may be disastrous because many homes lack a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

"The American College of Emergency Physicians has compiled a list of items that it believes should be in every home," said Mary Cushman, coordinator of Trauma Services at Baystate Medical Center.

The list provides the necessary "tools" to handle many medical emergencies at home, and includes the following items:

* Acetaminophen and aspirin tablets, which can be used for headaches, pain, fever and simple strains and sprains of the body.

* Ipecac syrup and activated charcoal for treating ingestion of certain poisons.

* Elastic wraps for wrapping wrist, ankle, knee, and elbow injuries.

* Disposable, instant-activating ice bags for icing injuries and treating high fevers.

* Bandages of assorted sizes for covering minor cuts and scrapes, and for children, bandages with cartoon characters are always a plus.

* Antibiotic ointment for burns, cuts and scrapes.

* Gauze pads, two and four inch, for dressing wounds.

Cushman added that scissors, adhesive tape and a first aid manual should also be included.

John Budz, pharmacist at Louis and Clark Drug Store in the Baystate Medical Center Medical Office Building complex, made a few suggestions to the well-stocked medicine cabinet.

Budz suggested that any well-stocked medicine cabinet should include cough suppressants and expectorants, plus decongestants for the relief of cold and flu symptoms.

Budz recommended keeping petroleum jelly, and a sun screen on hand to protect the skin against cold air and strong wind.

He also said to stock cortisone creme and moisturizing lotion in your medicine cabinet to alleviate dry skin problems.

Both Cushman and Budz said no medicine cabinet would be complete if it did not contain a list of emergency telephone numbers.

Among those numbers that should be kept close at hand include the local fire and police departments, the poison control center, your pharmacist, and your family physician.

Dr. Tina Ross At Lib.; Stress Program On Tap

Dr. Tina D. Ross, Chiropractic Physician, will present a lecture titled "COMBATING STRESS" on Wednesday, March 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library.

There are ways to combat stress and its effects on your body. Stress may cause physical illness as well as emotional problems. Learn how to set up your own action plan and be on your way to a healthier, happier future.

This is the fourth of a five-part series of lectures on "HEALTH AND FITNESS" being presented on consecutive Wednesday evenings at the Agawam Public Library. On March 25th, the series concludes with the topic "SITTING ON THE JOB."

All lectures are free and open to the public. Interested persons may register for either or both of the Health and Fitness programs by calling the library at 789-1550.

Noble Hospital Hosts Diabetes Program

On Thursday, March 19th, Noble Hospital will host a diabetes support group led by Barbara Agard, R.N., C.D.E., at 10:00 a.m. in the Noble Hospital Auditorium.

Invited guest speaker Mary Jane Barchman, a kidney specialist, will speak about kidney disease and the diabetic.

Barbara Agard is a certified diabetes educator and works with diabetic patients on a consultation basis at Noble Hospital.

The support group meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Noble Hospital former staff education room. Registration is not required.

For more information, please call Noble's Healthbeat, 568-BEAT.

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Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet at a special meeting on Thursday, March 19th, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium.

Invited guest speaker Donna DeNomme, Reiki Master, will instruct participants about the art of Reiki—a gentle and non-invasive method of restoring and maintaining good health and balance through working with body energy.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. There is no charge for this meeting and registration is not required.

For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Same Day Care at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 479.

Noble Hospital Has Support For Stroke Sufferers

The Noble Hospital Stroke Support Group will meet again on Monday, March 16th and 23rd from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room, located on the second floor of the hospital.

The Stroke Support Group is led by Social Worker Michele Chmura with the help of Donald Duperrault, who is a volunteer at Noble Hospital and has also suffered a stroke.

Speakers will address the topic of nutrition on March 23rd; adaptive equipment on March 30th.

There is no fee for program participants, but a 50¢ donation will be collected at the door for refreshments.

For further information, or to register, call the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at 568-2811, ext. 466.

FOOD - from Page 1...

* Section 6: New Establishments

All new food establishments, change of owner or departure of trained employee(s), must complete the mandatory food handlers certification program within six months of any such change.

* Section 7: Effective Date

All food establishments must be in compliance with this regulation by June 30th, 1993.

* Section 8: Violators

Food establishments that are required to attend a hearing for disciplinary reasons listed below will be required to be retrained.

- A. Repeated sanitary violations.
- B. Serious sanitary violations.
- C. Foodborne illness outbreak.

* Section 9: Fees

There will be a \$10 per person fee for participating in the mandatory certification program.

* Section 10: Variances

Food establishment employees who have completed similar food service training programs, college courses, or equivalent training will be exempt from this regulation.

It is important to note that the goal of this program is to educate and improve consumer health, not to increase regulation or hardship for the restaurant industry.

The primary objectives of the program are to train foodhandlers in basic food sanitation principles, reduce foodborne illness, and improve overall sanitation within the food establishment.

The mandatory training regulations will be discussed and voted on at the next Board of Health meeting on April 8th, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School. If anyone would like to comment, they will be allowed to do so by either appearing in person or sending a written comment to the Agawam Health Department.

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Creating High Self-Esteem Program At New England Stress Institute March 17th

Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of The New England Institute For Stress Management, will be offering the seminar "CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM and PERSONAL SUCCESS" on Tuesday evening, March 17th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The seminar is designed to provide participants with solid techniques on how to raise their self-esteem as well as how to gain skills that will lead to success in the workplace and at home.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is needed by calling 785-1259. The seminar will take place at Dr. Sobel's office/conference center, which is located at 425 Union Street in West Springfield.

Cost is only \$10 per person.

Dr. Sobel's new book called *The Good Times Handbook-Your Guide To Positive Living and an Exciting Life*, is also available to AAN readers at the seminar or may be ordered by sending a check for \$14.95 plus \$2.50 postage/handling to: Dr. Steve Sobel, The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Add 5% sales tax if Massachusetts resident. Check payable to Dr. Sobel. You may also ask for Dr. Steve Sobel's free audiotape listing, as well, on health and motivational topics.

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Arts

This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Mississippi Masala

Interracial relations is the theme of an exquisite new film, *Mississippi Masala*, a masterpiece from the cinematic eye of Mira Nair, whose acclaimed *Salaam Bombay* stunned audiences just a few years ago.

In this case, however, Nair explores not the expected black/white couplings but black/brown—an American whose black roots undoubtedly run back to an Africa of generations past, and an Indian (as in India) girl who was born and spent her childhood in Uganda during the regime of Idi Amin.

The story begins in Uganda, with a well-to-do Indian family living in tranquil splendor in the hills, unaware that the politics of the time will soon see them leaving their beloved country with only the clothes on their backs, a suitcase in hand, and hope that in England (and then America), they will be able to create a new world for themselves.

Newcomer Sarita Choudhury is the voluptuous and very beautiful Indian girl; seen first as a child in Uganda, but here in her Mississippi home, a 24-year-old still bound by the tradition and heritage of her family.

Denzel Washington is the ambitious black man who's mortgaged body and soul to build a carpet-cleaning business.

They meet under less-than-optimum circumstances when she rear-ends the back of his truck with the front end of a borrowed Cadillac.

As chance encounter leads to calculated meetings, the open-mindedness that once characterized the relationships between black and brown in Africa is suddenly shut down as interracial romance tears the heart and soul of this patriarchal family apart.

Throughout the film, the father is caught up in dreams of winning back the land and home he left behind. The viewer is treated to glimpses into Indian culture, the family structure, the rituals, religious ceremonies and routines of living as

displaced people in the Deep South.

As the romance unfolds, it disrupts the pattern of life for both the lovers: his business dwindles ... her family fights.

Nair has an eye for the panoramic as her cameras scan the African landscape, the marketplaces, the city under seige by true Black African troops. She has an eye for detail, capturing threads in a tapestry of unforgettable characters.

Like a similar film (but different director) titled *Spices*, color is another key; brilliant burnt orange, striking gold, subtle blues...swatches of fabric, the design of a rug or blanket, the ever-striking saris, the bridal jewelry draping the face from a pierced nostril to a pierced ear. The scenes range from eclectic minglings of families to a solitary walk along a beach; each done with a sensitive hand and a learned eye.

Mississippi Masala is already one of the best on view in the valley, worth seeing quickly before it moves out of town.

—Memoirs of an Invisible Man

Memoirs of an Invisible Man brings Chevy Chase back to the big screen in another mindless comedy—albeit an enjoyable one.

Under the direction of John Carpenter, Chase—as a carousing, womanizing stock analyst from San Francisco—bumbles into a high security meeting feeling the “morning after” syndrome at its fullest. He falls asleep in a sauna, but not before a series of pratfalls that disrupts the power center of the entire building in a most unusual way: an electrical charge ruptures the building, rendering it partially invisible.

A second surge and you guessed it ... our man Chase is being chased by a CIA loose cannon who sees this newly invisible man as the answer to an espionage agent's prayer.

The trick is, can you catch what you can't see? Daryl Hannah is cast as the one woman Chase

might conceivably settle down with, but his accident came too early in the relationship.

However, what good movie doesn't offer its hero a second chance? Chase woos and wins the help of his fair and visible lady, and so it goes to a fairly predictable conclusion.

Invisibility has been a topic of films for decades, and its potential for intrigue is surpassed only by its potential for comedy.

With terrific special effects (especially the partially visible building) and a very human sense of humor, *Memoirs* is a nice little comedy, something to keep you amused on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

—Gladiator

Cuba Gooding, Jr. (of *Boyz in the Hood*) and James Marshall (*Twin Peaks*) become unlikely allies in *Gladiator*, a new fight film in which hard-nosed promoters cull schoolyards for promising contenders who are out to make fast money with their fists.

From schoolyard to the ring, Marshall plays his all-American good looks for all they're worth as Tom Riley, an motherless teen whose father is in hook to the mob for \$15,000.

He's a clean-cut kid with an eye on education and a pretty classmate he'd like to date. He's not above washing dishes in trade for a meal, and takes his first fight to pay a gambling debt.

Brian Dennehy is the promoter and former heavyweight looking for a star, and he sees his fortune in Riley's fists.

Gooding is a classmate, friend, and finally opponent as this halfway decent film makes its way to a conclusion.

Will it be a fight to the finish, friend against friend, or is there something more?

Gladiator, with all its moves, offers a bit more. It's no *Rocky* (the original, of course), but it has enough to hold one's interest. And it confirms the fact that we want to see much more of these fine new actors (Gooding, Marshall).

A Night Of Irish Cookin'

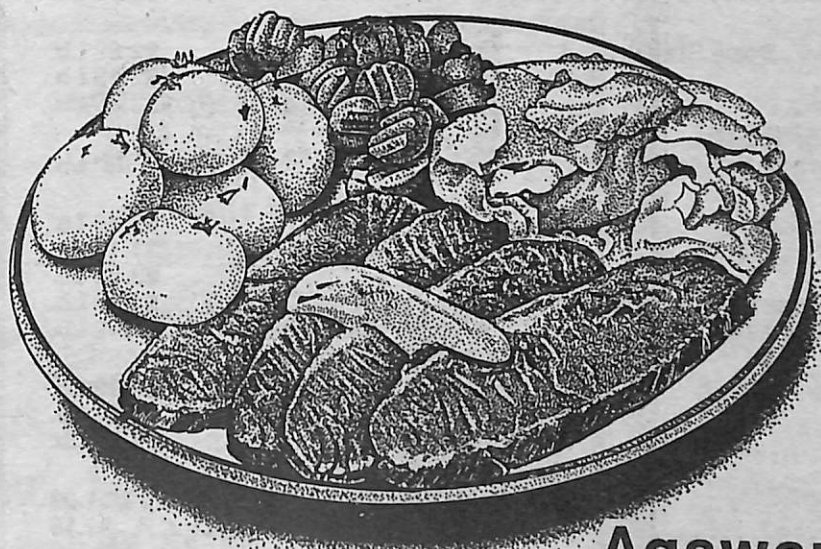


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MEMBERS OF THE GLASNOST BALLET will be at the Springfield Symphony Hall on March 28th.

Agawam Repertory Returns To Town

After many seasons of taking its shows on the road, the Agawam Repertory Theater (ART) is returning home to Agawam.

The Red Door Theater at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills is the new home for the community theater group. ART President Cil Long said that returning to Agawam and becoming a vital part of the community had been a long-held desire of ART.

With the fervent cooperation of the Reverend Robert Murray of the Valley Community Church, the church's former nursery school has been transformed into a theater. Murray's passion for live theater brought him into contact with ART, and with the strong support of Lyle Pearsons of Kit 'N Kaboodle (a children's theater group), the theater conversion began.

ART's inaugural play will be the British sex comedy "Move Over Mrs. Markham," directed by Agawam resident Jean Burns. Show dates are March 28th, 29th, April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 8:00 p.m.

For additional information, call Pat Silva at 789-9687.

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THE POPULAR GLASNOST BALLET will be at the Springfield Symphony Hall on Saturday, March 28th, for an 8:00 p.m. performance. Tickets are now on sale for the big event.

Glasnost Ballet To Feature Outstanding Dancers From Former Soviet Bloc In Spfld.

The Glasnost Ballet, featuring principal artists of The Bolshoi Ballet (Moscow), The Kirov Ballet (St. Petersburg), and The Czech National Ballet (Prague), will give a one-night performance on Saturday, March 28th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Symphony Hall in downtown Springfield.

The performance will showcase 12 international gold medalists in the greatest moments from "Swan Lake," "Giselle," "Don Quixote," "Romeo & Juliet," "Sleeping Beauty," and more.

Tickets, which go for \$15.50, \$19.50, and \$25.00, can be ordered by calling Ticketmaster, 800-382-8080; the Glasnost office, 800-745-1733; or the Symphony Hall box office, 413-787-6600.

The Glasnost Ballet's one-night performance in Springfield is the place to see Russian ballet dancers in all their glory as a technically strong and dramatically viable dance company.

The high point of the evening is the dashing "Don Quixote" grand pas de deux danced by Tatyana Chernobrovkina and Vadim Bondar, whose strong leg movements makes their performance

seem effortless. These two dancers also shine during the quieter and equally charming "Giselle," which is charged with classic poise and elegance.

Bondar further shines with another partner, Svetlana Smirnova, in "Evening Dance," a romantic fantasy piece set to the music of Schubert. Chernobrovkina, meanwhile, also dances a fine Swan Queen and enthusiastically conveys the distinguishing qualities of the role.

Other performers who'll certainly be memorable during this evening of dance are Alexei Malykin, a tall young dancer of the Aleksandr

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- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 Dole Green Bell Pepper, seeded, chunked
- 1 cup sliced Dole Carrots
- 1 can (20 oz.) Dole Pineapple Chunks
- 1/4 cup catsup
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 cups hot cooked rice
- Trim fat from pork. Cut in 1-inch cubes.
- Combine 2 tablespoons vinegar, 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 tablespoon cornstarch and 1 1/2 teaspoons sesame oil. Pour over pork and marinate 30 minutes. Drain. Mix pork with egg yolk.
- Combine 1/2 cup cornstarch and flour. Coat pork with mixture.
- Heat oil to near smoking. Brown pork in hot oil (don't crowd skillet). Drain pork on paper towels.
- Saute garlic, onion, green pepper and carrots in 2 tablespoons oil from skillet.
- For sauce, drain pineapple, reserve syrup. Combine syrup with catsup, water, sugar, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon cornstarch and 1/2 teaspoon sesame

Riverside Auditioning For Summer Jobs

Riverside Park Entertainment Department has announced its schedule for auditions for dancers, actors, puppeteers and street entertainers for part-time Spring and full-time Summer employment.

Auditions will be held on Saturdays, March 14th and 21st at 11:00 a.m., 380 Union Street, West Springfield.

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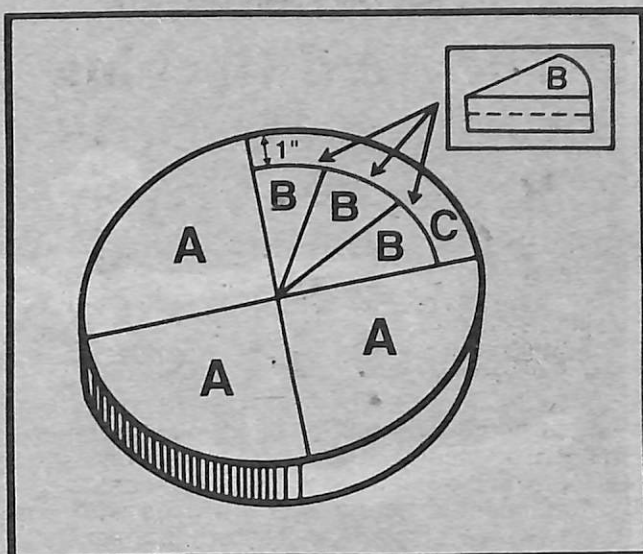
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Cooking For St. Patrick's Day The Microwave Way

According to legend, missionary St. Patrick brought the three-leaf, green shamrock plant to Ireland 15 centuries ago and today it is a national symbol in that country.

Whatever one's heritage, people across America enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's Day with green clothing, Irish food and shamrock decorations.

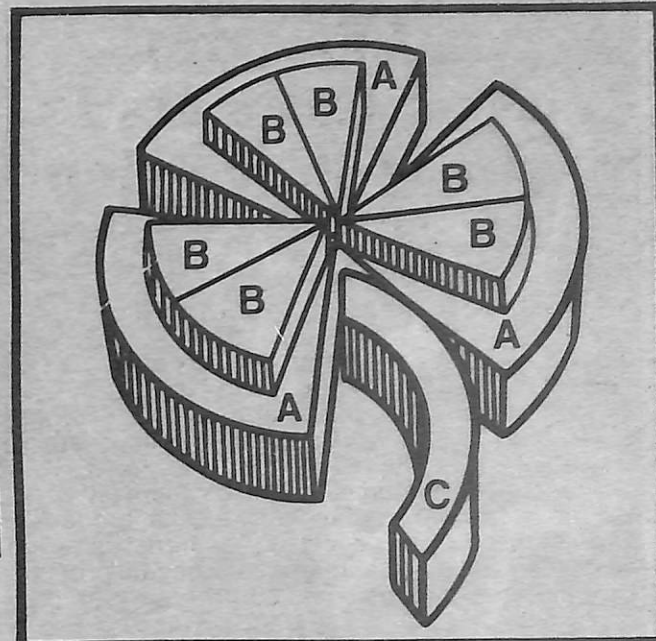
Whirlpool Corporation home economists suggest joining the fun this year by making a shamrock cake. This recipe is made with a convenient mix for both the cake and frosting. Using the microwave oven cuts the "baking" time in half.

With the easy-to-follow directions for cutting and assembly, this party dessert is ideal for family, schoolroom or office celebrations.

SHAMROCK PARTY CAKE (makes 2 cakes)

- 1 white, 2-layer cake mix (with ingredients to prepare according to package directions)
- Green food coloring
- 1 package (7.25 oz.) fluffy white frosting mix (for 2-layer cake)
- 1 cup shredded coconut
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1. Grease two 8 x 1 1/2-inch round glass cake dishes. Line with waxed paper. Grease waxed paper. Set aside.

2. Prepare a cake mix batter according to package directions. Stir 8 to 10 drops green food coloring. Divide batter between two dishes, using 2 1/4 cups for each.*

3. Microwave one at a time at MEDIUM (50%) for 4 minutes. Rotate dish a half turn. Microwave at MEDIUM for 4 minutes longer. Then microwave at HIGH (100%) for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in several places comes out dry (may be a few damp spots on surface). Cool 10 minutes. Remove from dish and cool completely. For best results, freeze cake layers before cutting and decorating.

4. Prepare frosting according to package directions. Cover and set aside.

5. Cut frozen cake layers as shown in diagram. Cut each piece labeled B in half horizontally.

6. Assemble each cake as shown on serving tray. Use frosting between B and A layers. Spread remaining frosting over cakes.

7. Mix a few drops green food coloring and 1/4 teaspoon water in bowl. Add coconut, tossing with fork until evenly tinted. Sprinkle coconut over cakes and decorate with clusters of 3 jelly beans.

*Deep-dish glass pie plates may also be used. Since cake layers are cooked one at a time, same dish may be used for both.

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King & I Features Colorful Costumes In Westfield Production

As the Westfield Theatre Group works on its upcoming production of "The King and I," hours have been spent on costume decisions.

Maryann Scognamiglio, along the Bob Laviolette, the director, went through many catalog offerings to see what was available from various costume rental companies. With 75 costumes required for the show, they had to decide where to save money and get the most from their costume budget.

The period costumes, most of them stylized, are made from luxury fabrics like silks, brocades, and satins. They decided to construct the costumes for guards and priests because of the simplicity of the costumes and the savings they could achieve.

There are others that they decided to build because the rentals did not achieve the effects they were looking for.

Tuptim is the girl delivered to the King as a gift, and she must be emphasized as different from the other wives when she makes her entrance. Later in the show, she dresses as the other wives because she has been living in Slam.

After spending hours looking at designs, fabric stores, sketches and visualizing, the team decided to make 19 of the costumes and rent nearly 60 costumes.

Not only is the music and acting wonderful, but the costumes will be worth seeing in this show that opens on March 27th and runs for three weekends, with two Saturday matinees.

Tickets are available at the Westfield Women's Club on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings or by calling 730-4838.

BALLET - from Page 23...

Goudonov type; Margarita Kullick and Vladimir Kim, whose fleet-footed and light-hearted skills accentuate "Harlequinade" and "Satanella"; Maria Ivanova and Andrei Glazheider, who display much grace and facility during "La Sylphide" and Petipa's "Grand Pas Classique"; and Jana Kurova and Stanislav Fetcho, who provide a disciplined kind of charm to both the classic "La Peri" and the modern "Ur."

The Nerd Opening Thursday, March 19th By Encore Players

The Encore Players' production of *The Nerd* will open at the MacDuffie School in Springfield on Thursday, March 19th, at 8:00 p.m., and will continue with 8:00 p.m. performances on March 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th, and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 29th.

This hilarious Larry Shue contemporary comedy is being directed by Dick Volker, winner of nine Community Theatre Association acting awards, and a member of *The Nerd's* cast.

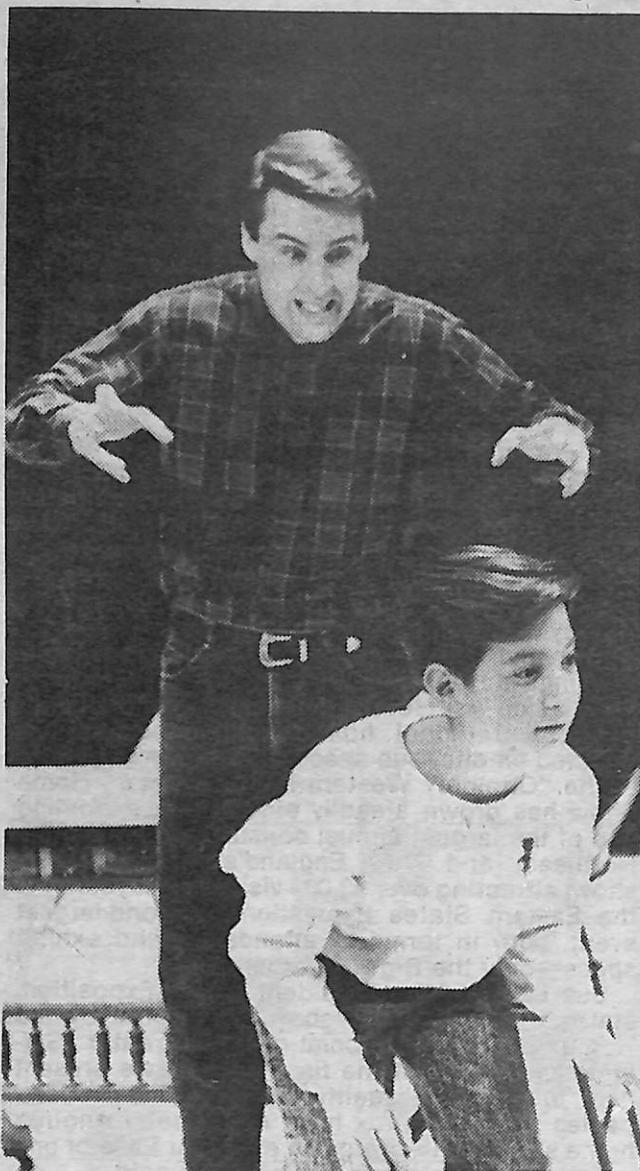
The talented actors and actresses who comprise *The Nerd* include well-known Pioneer Valley performers who have been frequently seen in area productions.

Steve Henderson (*The Lucky Spot*, *Social Security*) plays "The Nerd," a bumbling character who unexpectedly visits a household party and creates much hilarity. Doug Major (*Bye Bye Birdie*, *Little Shop of Horrors*) plays Willum, a young Indiana architect, and Candy Hill (*Steel Magnolias*, *Come Back to the Five and Dime*, *Jimmy Dean*) plays Willum's girlfriend, Tansy.

Tim O'Brien (*Blithe Spirit*, *Psycho Beach Party*) plays Alex, and Evelyn Holland (*Personals*, *Social Security*) portrays the wife of the businessman, played by Dick Volker. Luke Meginsky plays the mischievous son of Holland and Volker's characters.

Tickets in advance can be obtained at the Golden Peacock Boutique in Springfield; at Sal's Beauty Salon in Agawam; or at the door. Prices are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and students, and \$5 for the Sunday matinee.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 568-8435.



DOUG MAJOR and LUKE MEGINSKY are being featured in *The Nerd*, now being produced by The Springfield Encore Players. Opening night is Thursday, March 19th, at MacDuffie School.

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Here Comes The WestMass Home Show

Home enthusiasts, hearken to the first sign of Spring! **HOME SHOW '92** — The "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show will arrive Tuesday, March 24th and run through Sunday, March 29th at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

An annual production of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, **HOME SHOW '92** is the region's biggest and most comprehensive display of products and services for the home. Now in its 39th year, the "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show draws visitors from throughout the northeast United States and Canada to see the latest in both necessities and luxuries for inside and outside the home.

Boasting over 400 exhibitors from across the United States and Canada, **HOME SHOW '92** will occupy more than 700 booths in the Better Living Center and the Young Building. Connecting the buildings is Home Town, USA, the outdoor exhibit area which will feature five fully-furnished and landscaped model homes, a log house constructed on site, sun spaces and other displays.

The "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show has grown steadily since 1953, becoming one of the largest annual consumer expos in the Northeast and New England's biggest home show, attracting over 93,000 visitors last year. It is the Eastern States Exposition's second-largest event, both in terms of attendance and exhibit space—only the Big E is larger.

Sue LaVole, Vice President of the Exposition, states that this home show, sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, is "one of the finest shows we present here in terms of quality of displays and companies represented. I have never seen another home show with so large an exhibitor base or one which covers so much ground," she said.

"The Home Show has a tremendous impact on the area's economy," said Edward R. Pedersen, Home Show Director and Executive Vice President of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield. "It contributes many millions of dollars each year to the region in the form of tourist trade, the hiring of local labor, home show sales and, most significant, post-show sales."

Indeed, the greatest economic impact of the Home Show is the dollars committed to future sales through mortgages, contracts, agreements, and leads. Many additional local sales of products, materials and services will occur later as the result of ideas gleaned from the Home Show.

"There is something at **HOME SHOW '92** to improve every person's living space and lifestyle," said Home Show Director Pedersen. "It's for everyone planning to buy, build, remodel, renovate, restore or decorate a home, either by hiring a contractor or doing-it-themselves. The

Home Show puts all of the latest ideas and materials at the consumers' disposal, and best of all, they can benefit from the expertise of true building industry professionals, unmatched by any other show," he said.

Dozens of Options

Whether you own or rent, every home enthusiast will discover dozens of options at the Home Show for his and her living space, house, condo, apartment, townhouse, or mobile home. The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield takes pride in its long tradition of providing the comprehensive consumer marketplace for any home-related project or improvement.

Show-goers shop for products, services, bargains and, most of all, ideas, because there's no better place to start planning for one's dream home than at **HOME SHOW '92**—The "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show.

More than six acres of exhibit space filled to capacity offers visitors to the show "a full house of values and fun things to do":

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• A wide variety of household items designed to make every day easier, healthier and more productive;

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• Daily Swim and Cruisewear Fashion Shows, featuring the latest in styles from Steiger's;

• Hundreds of free product samples and giveaways;

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• The opportunity to win one of three 10' x 12' playhouses, built like real homes by area high school students, with free delivery within 50 miles. Drawings at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March

29th in Home Town, USA. No purchase necessary; winners need not be present.

• The chance to win a \$1,000 Cash Grand Prize in the Home Town, USA Giveaway, for those who visit at least four of the homes on display. Drawing for the prize will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29th in Home Town, USA. No purchase necessary; winner need not be present.

Hours for **HOME SHOW '92** are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 24th-26th—5:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, March 27th—1:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 28th—10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 29th—Noon to 7:00 p.m. Home Town, USA—the outdoor exhibit area—will open at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, March 24th-26th.

General Admission is \$6 for adults; children under 12 are admitted Free. Visitors may use discount coupons, available throughout Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, to reduce their admission to \$5 on any one of the six days of **HOME SHOW '92**.

Senior Citizen Admission on Friday, March 27th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. is \$3. Visitors age 60 and older may also use the \$1 discount coupon to reduce their admission to \$2 during this time. Appropriate identification is required.

Corporate Ticket Program

In addition, show-goers may obtain tickets in advance at considerable savings from their employers through **HOME SHOW '92** Corporate Ticket Program. Area companies may obtain 10 or more tickets for \$3.50 apiece, a savings of \$2.50 per ticket. There is no cost for a company to participate. Contact Richard George at the Home Show (413) 733-8158 to learn more about the Prepaid Order and popular Consignment Programs for Corporate Tickets.

HOME SHOW '92—The "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show is held on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. **HOME SHOW '92** is just minutes from Mass Pike exits 4 and 6 and I-91 exits 6 and 7. There are acres of free parking.

HOME SHOW '92—The "Original" Western Massachusetts Home Show is the only home show sponsored and produced by the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, a not-for-profit trade association founded in 1939 to promote the best interests of the residential construction industry and the home buyer. It has nearly 500 members located throughout Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut who are engaged in all aspects of the home building industry.

The Greater Springfield association is an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders, the leading trade association for the home building industry in the United States, with more than 160,000 members nationwide.

Exit Seven Players Staging Spring Show

Exit Seven Players of Ludlow have selected its cast for Phillip Barry's **PHILADELPHIA STORY**. Directed by Ludlow resident Kathy Young, this sophisticated comedy will play on April 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th at 8:00 p.m., in the Chestnut Street Theater, Ludlow.

Heading the cast are Tracy Lord, the mainline beauty who wants to remarry (veteran actress Kristen Anne Ferraro). Other members of the Lord family are the younger sister, Dinah (Tara Cloutier); aristocratic mother, Margaret (Elizabeth Bell); wandering father, Seth (Ken Guerin); the

writing brother, Sandy (Michael Parizo); and the girl-loving, bottom-pinching uncle, Willie (Dick Hamel).

The three men competing for Tracy's attention are Dexter, her former husband (Michael Tenerowicz); George, her scheduled bridegroom (Jonathan Peet-Lubin); and Mike Connor, the challenging reporter (Mike Connors). Tracy's rival for Mike's affection is his partner, Liz (Amy Nyzio).

Since Exit Seven is a community-based theater, any area resident who would like to help with production should call Paul Browning at 467-3206.

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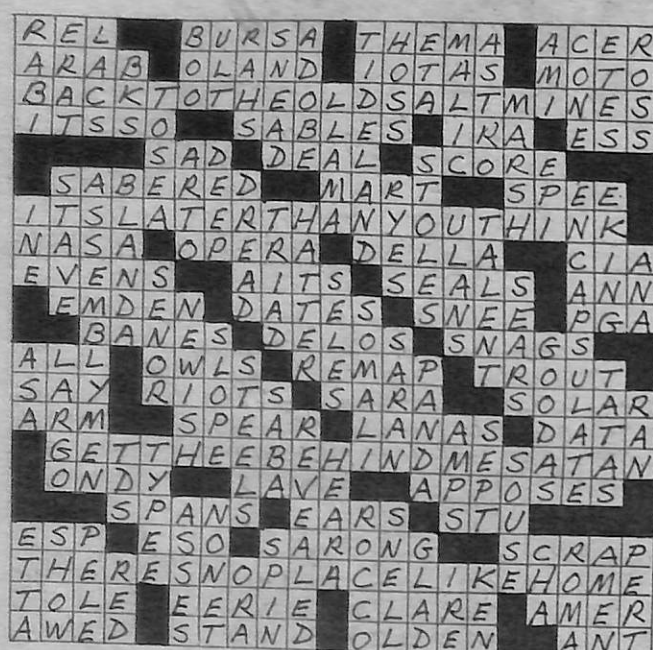
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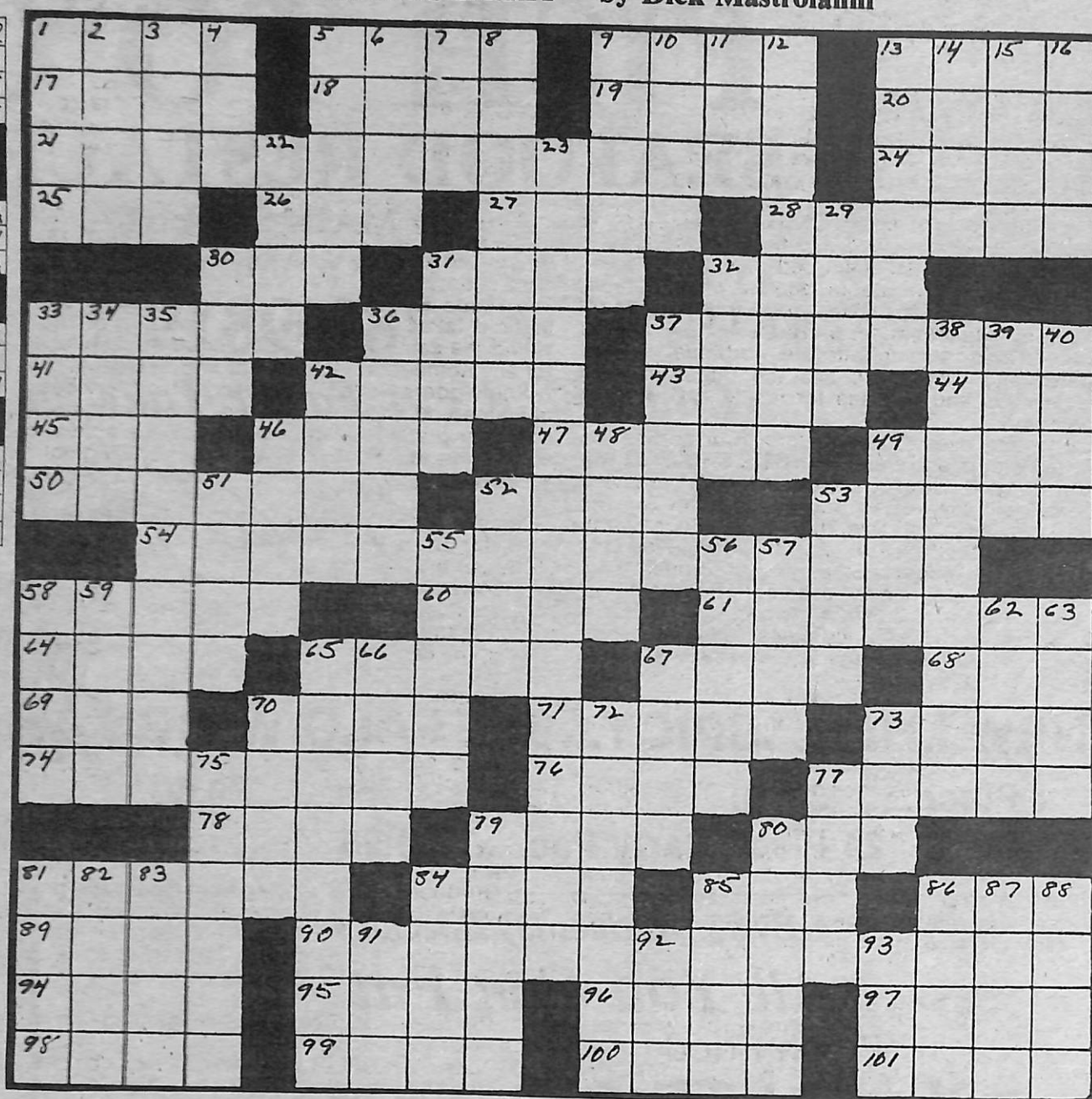
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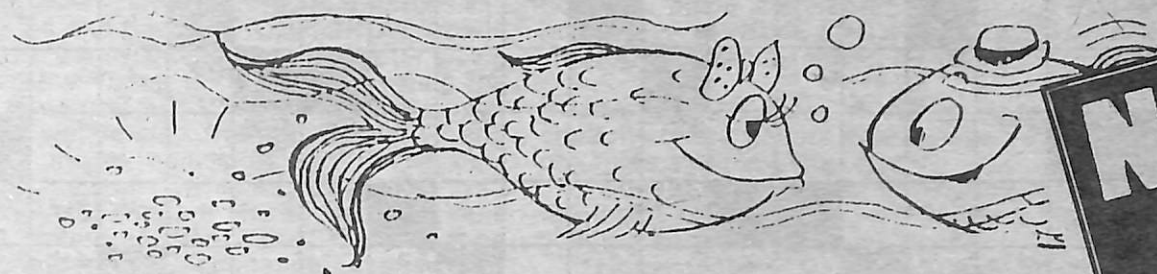
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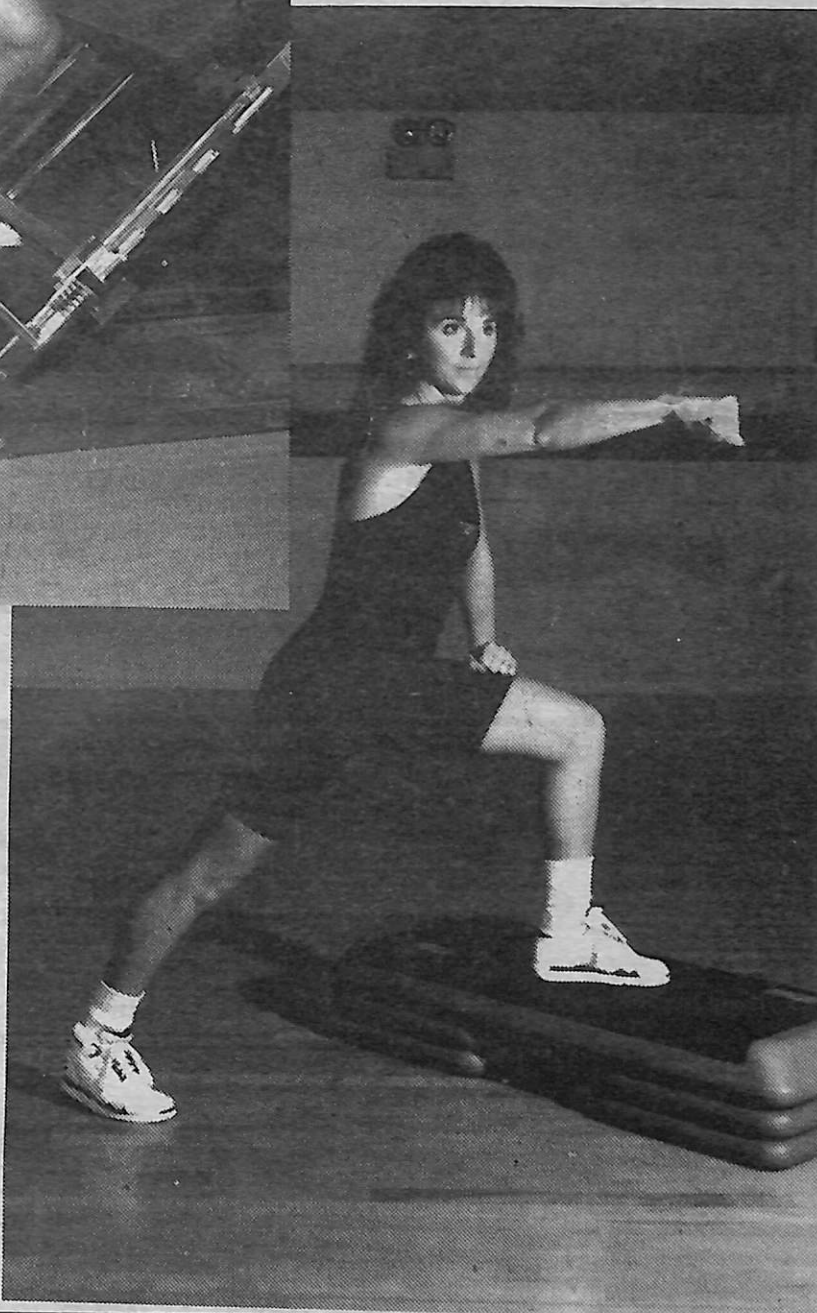
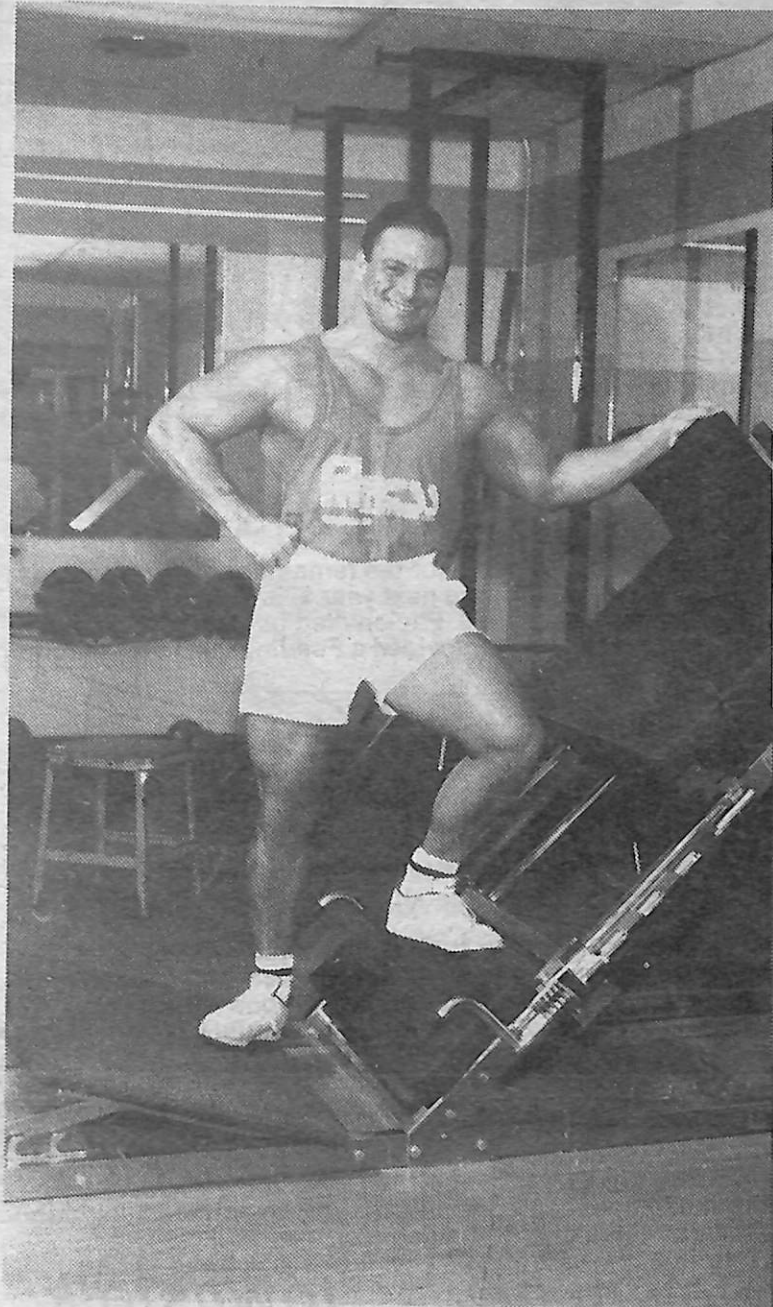
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Advertisers Need To See Growing Elderly Population

by Robert D. Chadbourne
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

I believe the advertising industry is missing the mark, and the reason I feel that way is because much of it passes right by me. I recall, in my parents' later years, when a breathless, crazed voice-over frantically extolled the virtue of a product, my mother would comment: "I didn't understand a word he said!"

Now it's happening to me!

Not only am I missing the message, but I'm failing to even identify the product. Steamy scenes in bathrooms come and go, and we're left to focus on the container of lotion sitting there unmentioned.

We're expected to race out and buy a pair of jeans, based on the pair carelessly tossed over a chair while their occupants are cavorting on a nearby bed.

Five years ago, American advertising couldn't use a live model to sell a bra; however, 25 years ago, fairly explicit sex and a heavy dose of nudity were commonplace in Europe.

Since we're a shrinking global market, it may be said that all and none of the boundaries do or have existed, and obviously what works best will be the order of the day.

At some point, it would seem that advertisers would have to address the segment of the population that's growing the fastest—the elderly.

Inventories in women's wear stores are all aimed at the very young, faddish woman. Fortunately, men strongly resist radical fashion change, but I don't know where a woman of 50 goes to get conservative, traditional clothing today.

For all their recent market-share problems among the giant retailers, one such lady told me she outfits herself solely at Sears Roebuck.

Research has given marketers little to work with. Studies of age usually end with "over-65." No one looks at the "young-old"—old in years, young in health and activity.

They are looked at as people long since alone with grown children and no responsibility, when—in fact—those grown children often return to the nest after marriages fail and careers go sour.

Plus, many over-65's never leave the world of nurturing others because their parents are soaring past 85 and living to be 100.

Charles B. Schewe is a consultant and a professor of marketing at the University of Massachusetts, and he has strong advice for those who want to sell to seniors.

They typically become far-sighted; they have trouble interpreting a scene in the green-blue-violet end of the spectrum. Hearing loss begins with the higher pitches, meaning a man's voice may be more effective than a woman's.

The message should be simple, familiar, and if the same message is repeated, it will need less interpretation. The call to action must be concrete as the problem-solving capabilities decline.

If a number of points must be made, they must be separated and identified clearly. Since the print media allows consumers to set their own pace, print is preferable to broadcast; that's why TV is clogged with mindless sitcoms.

The ad must supply memory aids such as showing what the old product looked like, then showing the new. The ad's context should be pleasant to the memory with ties to graduations, birthdays, and weddings.

Advertising is clogged with products aimed at keeping us young or making us young when we are not. No one ever made money with a product designed to make us old more rapidly.

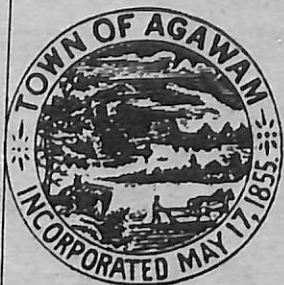
However, we are not graphs, and no one really fits on those squiggly lines. Your heart may be 40, your bum knee 60, your bushy hairline 30, and your myopic eyesight 70. How old are you, really?

Thus, those who puzzle over "these people" as a market love the story about the old man sobbing on the park bench as a cop tries to get his story.

"It's my wife. She's young, beautiful, wealthy, a terrific cook, tender, caring, thoughtful, and we enjoy wild, passionate sex." "Then what's the problem?" asks the cop.

"I can't remember where I live!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Robert D. Chadbourne is a former TV-22 news reporter and is now a freelance journalist. His columns are a regular feature of *The AAN*.



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Agawam
by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

THE LIBRARIES

by Edith LaFrancis
FINAL PART OF SERIES

Under Chapter 347, Acts of 1890, a board of Library Trustees was first elected in Agawam.

The collected books of the Society of Feeding Hills, which had at first been kept in the front room of Mr. Bell's house, had outgrown its quarters and a room in the Town Hall had been granted for this purpose. The town appropriated \$50 plus \$50 from the dog fund in order that it might receive the gift of \$100 worth of books from the State. The Feeding Hills group voted to transfer to the town all their property, 261 books and \$48 in cash.

In September 1890, the books from the State Library Commission were received, and about October 1st libraries were opened in three areas of the town. A small library belonging to the Agawam Congregational Sunday School was turned over to the Agawam Center Library at that time.

In March 1892, the total number of books in all libraries was 700. These were obtained from Feeding Hills Library Association, 261; Mrs. J.E.

Lodge, the Hon. E. Hayes and other, 26; Francis Sessions, 4; James Stewart, 4; Miss H.M. Bodurtha and others, 5; State Library Commission, 155; purchased 245.

The number of borrowers that year totaled 264, circulation, 2,013.

Library trustees elected in 1892 were Judson Hastings, Henry Annable and William Porter. Henry Annable left town that Fall, and Henry Tower was elected to fill out his term until 1894. Judson Hastings was re-elected for a three year term.

In June 1893, Mrs. Mary Phelon of Feeding Hills gave \$500, the income from which was to be used for books for the Feeding Hills branch of the



library. Income for the remainder of that year was \$10, and for the next year \$20. This fund is still in existence. Mrs. Phelon died in May 1895, aged 84. Her will also provided a Feeding Hills school fund of \$4,000.

Agawam Arts Council Now Forming Artist/Artisan Register In Town

The Agawam Arts & Humanities Council is interested in compiling an Agawam Artist/Artisan Register.

Information is now being requested from Agawam and Feeding Hills artists and artisans. Anyone interested in being included in this register may send a brief history to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council by April 1st.

Please include the following vital information: Name, Address, telephone; Medium; Education in medium (if any); Number of years involved in (if any); Exhibits & shows, with dates (if any).

Typically, the interested artist will be involved in original oils, watercolor, acrylics, and mixed media. Included will be artisans who create

original two and three dimensional art work with clay, glass, metal, jewelry, leather, paper, fiber, etc.

Based on the response received by April 1st, future plans for the association may include monthly networking and exhibitions of art works, as well as other activities that would be of interest to the group.

Interested parties should forward their biographies as outlined above to the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council, care of Beverly Secondo-Wands, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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JON RODIER and CHRISTIE SCHEVE, both Agawam High language students, display the decorated door that won first prize during the school's Annual Foreign Language Week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Parents' Night At AHS On March 17th

The public is reminded that Agawam High School will be holding its "Parents' Night" on Tuesday, March 17th, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Parents of children who are currently attending AHS are invited to come to the high school to meet with any teachers their children may have in order to discuss areas of concern or importance.

Discovering Foreign Lang. Observed By AHS Classes

by Irls Copson
School Dept. Editor

"Discover A New World - Learn A Language" was the theme of the Annual Foreign Language Week at Agawam High School March 2nd to March 6th.

The slogan was submitted by student Sean Sumner and was selected by the Language Department to emphasize the quincentennial celebration of the discovery of America by Columbus in 1492 as well as concern for global awareness.

Faculty member Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan's first period Spanish 4 students decorated the AHS showcase (located in the rotunda outside the auditorium) with the theme of the week's activities. There was also a trivia contest compiled by language instructor Linda Beecher. The 10 questions asked students to name the country which is credited with initiating "firsts" around the world.

A Door Decorating Contest for first period classes required creative structuring and won the prize of breakfast served to the winning class at week's end. Larry O'Brien's first period students took first place for Mexico, and Mrs. Beecher's class received honorable mention for their display on Poland.

Department head Melanie Poudrier organized the Door Decorating Contest and judges included faculty members Lorraine Alves, Charlotte Shimel (librarian), Edward Merrill, and Joseph Zabielski.

Students again earned passport points by their involvement in the planned activities throughout the week. The cafeteria staff prepared a special menu of foreign food each day to celebrate the week. There was a Scavenger Hunt for students to find 25 articles written in foreign languages.

Delicious Array Of Ethnic Desserts

On Thursday evening, March 6th, ethnic desserts were prepared by students and parents to enjoy in the AHS cafeteria during Language Culture Night. Student Genevieve Rose played the classical Spanish guitar and models fashioned international clothing from Hawaii, Palestine, India, Japan, Afghanistan, China, Greece, Africa, Ecuador, and "an Arabian lost in Mexico." Spanish teacher Steve Shultis wore an authentic Spanish basketball uniform.

Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan thanked Agawam Big Y and Agawam McDonald's for their contributions to the prize fund. The remainder of the prizes were donated by the teachers of the Foreign Language Department.

Prize for project winners went to Sean Sumner (Slogan Contest), Xuan Ly and Rose Pignatere (Poster), Amanda Sunny for Mexican gourd (crafts), Barbara Blitgood for "La Rose" in Level II French (poetry), Michelle Dutton for "El Viento" in Level III Spanish (poetry), and Vicki Sousa for "Mi llama de amor" in Level IV (poetry). Lisa Savioli won first place in the Travel Brochure Contest for her Barcelona creation.

Honorable Mention for the Poster Contest went to Joey Beauchemin, Stephen Bodurtha, David Kane, Amanda Limbert, Cindy Liska, John Manning, Laura Mutti, Todd Preven, Jason Rosati, and Ryan Willett.

In the Crafts Contest, Honorable Mention was given to Amy Munino (Indian jewelry), Jamie Brodeur (Russian dolls), Mark DaSilva (donkey pinata), Chris Dudek (Peruvian basket), Michael Dutton (Cambodian lute), Michelle Dutton (Mexican surface), Marie Fortier (Hulchol bowl), Kelly Gendron (African mask), Deb Parslow (Mexican skull), and Genevieve Rose (Mexican parrot).

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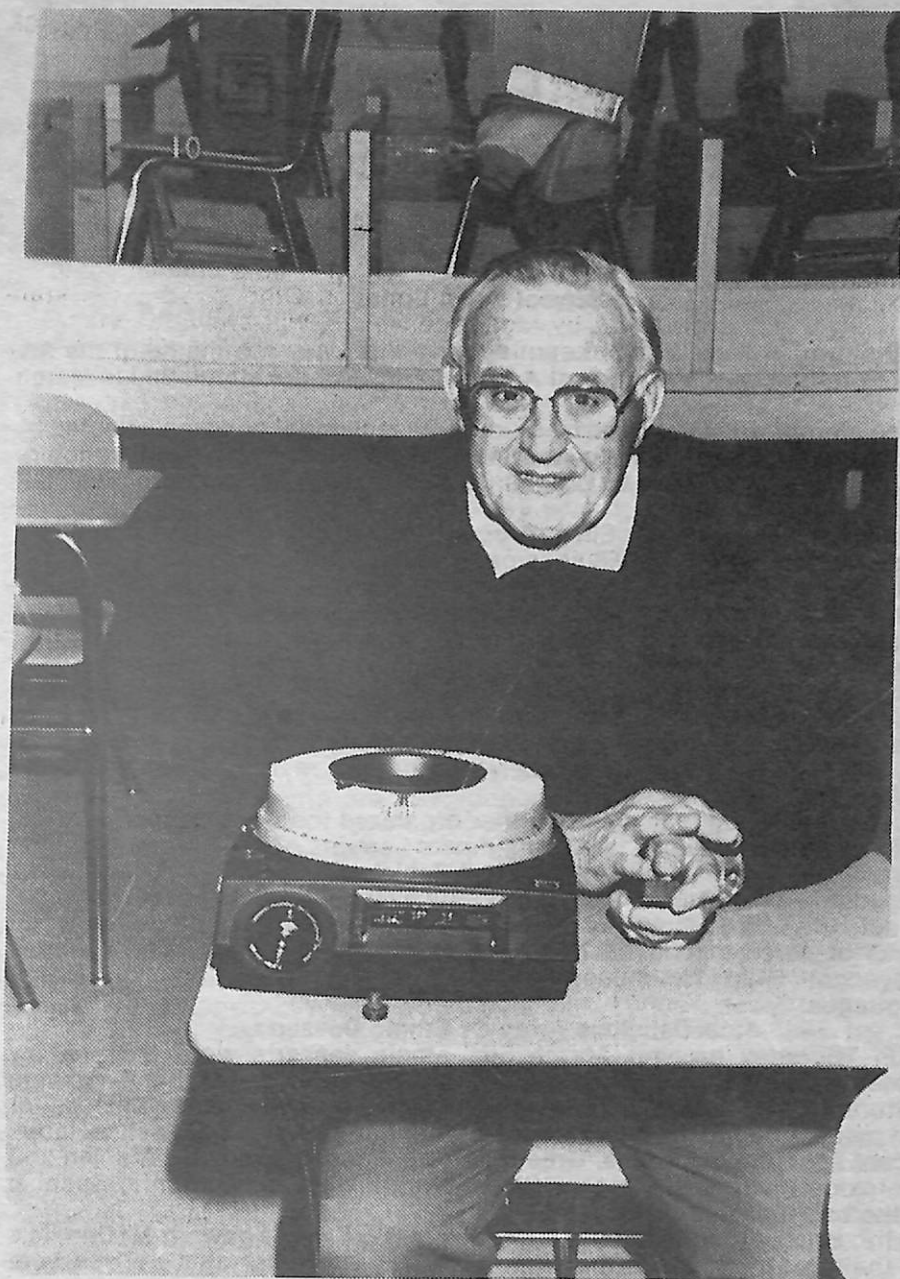
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TOWN RESIDENT WALTER BALBONI gave an extensive slide show on his travels through Italy to Agawam High School foreign language students last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PeterJon's Valentine Winners



GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENTS Meghan O'Krongly (left), Michael Crough, and Bryan Carney were recently named winners in a Valentine's Contest sponsored by PeterJon's Gourmet Ice Cream in Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Cultures Of The World Brought Home To AHS During "Foreign Language Week"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Foreign Language Week (March 2nd to 6th) at Agawam High School once again presented community support for education at its best. Residents, local businessmen, and town officials all appeared at AHS to share their heritage with high school students.

For the first time, AHS was fortunate to include among its guest speakers for the week an American Intercultural Programs (AFS) visiting teacher. Ana Atienza of Argentina spoke to students about her homeland during the week's activities.

Miss Atienza is team-teaching with AHS language instructor Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan throughout the second semester. She arrived in Agawam on January 16th and is being hosted by Richard & Marion Brindle of Barney Street until July.

Also, AFS year-program exchange students Paola Anselmetti (Italy), Jovita Carrasco (Ecuador), Florence Laly (France) and Kris Tuerlinckx (Belgium) talked with language classes throughout the week to share some of the details of their countries.

Moreover, Edward Hastings, an AHS graduate who participated as an AFS student for one year following his senior year, spoke to classes and showed slides of Belgium.

Resident Anwar Yousef returned this year to speak about the Arabic language. Last year Yousef spoke to students about the Middle East at a time when the Persian Gulf War dominated the news. His insights of the Middle Eastern cultures, as well as religious beliefs, helped many students to better understand the complexities our military was dealing with in that volatile area of the world.

Thomas Wiaschiha, a student from Germany, told about his country and two students on an exchange program at West Springfield High School (Lucyna Lipinski of Germany and Rogerio DaSilva of Brazil) brought to life their respective countries as well.

Guidance Counselor Ann Marie Gould discussed Morocco and fellow Guidance Counselor Judy Cohen again discussed Israel. Also, substitute

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Jr. High PTO Seeks Officers For '92-'93

The Agawam Junior High School P.T.O. is accepting nominations for officers of the 1992-93 school year. Nominations of eligible sixth and seventh grade parents in Agawam are open through to April 13th, 1992.

Nominations will be closed at the Monday, April 13th meeting, to be held in the Agawam Junior High School teacher's cafeteria. All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade parents are invited to attend the meeting and are eligible to vote.

Election of the five officers' positions to the new P.T.O. Board will be held at the May P.T.O. meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 11th, in the Junior High teacher's cafeteria.

Please return a nomination form to the Agawam Junior High P.T.O. mailbox in the school's office, or the Agawam Middle School P.T.O. mailbox located at the Middle School's main office.

The nomination forms should contain the following information:

Your name, address, phone number, and indicate whether you'd like to run yourself or nominate someone else for the following P.T.O. positions—President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary.

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teacher Pam Estock presented facts and interesting tidbits about Germany.

There was a Mystery Voice and Band Contest held during the week where students listened to taped recordings of faculty members (and Assistant Principal Gabrielle Charest). The faculty and Mrs. Charest were speaking in French, Spanish, German, and Latin. The Band Contest had popular singing artists in those languages with the inclusion of Sting and The Police chanting in Swahili.

Slides On Italy Shown

Town Councillor Walter Balboni visited classes this year with slides of Italy. He primarily showed the beautifully created works of Michaelangelo. Balboni showed pictures of the enormous St. Peter's Church in Vatican City. Balboni noted,

"It's the largest church in the world. It's about four football fields long."

Balboni explained that 330 steps led to the top of the dome at St. Peter's. He also told students, "Vatican City is a city and country on-top of itself. There are about 35,000 to 40,000 people that live and work in the Vatican."

Balboni showed slides of Venice, which is surrounded by water canals used mainly as a mode of transportation. Even police patrol the city by water, Balboni said. Vendors peddling fresh vegetables could be seen in the famous "gondolas" circling the city.

Balboni has slides of Florence, which he referred to as the "capital of the Renaissance" and is now the gold center of Europe.

Balboni also had many other interesting facts and figures about Italy, including the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Volcanic ash and rubble covered the City of Pompeii for 20 or 30 days, according to Balboni. "The people laid buried until 1870 when it was unearthed again. The bodies were encased in one-quarter to one-half inches of stone."

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National College Fair At Big E Can Help College-Bound Students With Problems

The transition from high school to college is both an exciting and a challenging time for students and parents. With so many questions to be asked, and with so many colleges and universities from which to choose, very often the problem is knowing where to begin the process.

The place to get started is the Springfield National College Fair, to be held at the Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield on Sunday, March 15th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., and again on Monday, March 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Fair will be held in the Young Building, behind the Better Living Center. Parking on the Exposition grounds and admission to the Fair are free.

Sponsored by the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC), the Springfield National College Fair will provide students and parents with the opportunity to talk directly with admissions representatives from more than 250 colleges, universities, and other educational services, and to pick up catalogs and other helpful literature.

According to Ray Di Pasquale, Dean of Admissions/Public Relations at Springfield Technical Community College, and Chairman of the Springfield National College Fair, nearly 8,000 people attended last year's Fair.

Di Pasquale says, "This should be the largest Fair we've ever had. Already more colleges from across the country have made reservations for the Fair, and holding it at the Big E grounds provides ample free parking."

At the Fair, special learning sessions for students and parents will explain college selection, application procedures, admission deadlines, and financial aid options. Individual counseling will be available to answer specific questions.

Financial aid workshops are scheduled for Sunday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., and Monday at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.; there will also be a special booth for financial aid information. Other booths, also staffed by local counselors, will provide information on requirements at many colleges, and on how to transfer from a two-year to a four-year institution.

Representatives from the College Board (SAT) and the American College Testing (ACT) programs will provide information about standardized testing and how to register for the college entrance examinations.

Everyone attending the Springfield National College Fair will receive a free copy of the *National College Fair Directory*, which profiles nearly 1,500 higher educational institutions throughout the country. They will also receive the AT&T guide *Selecting the Right College*, which is a unique resource giving candid and helpful tips on the college admissions process, financial aid, and curriculum planning.

NACAC is a Washington-based education association with nearly 4,000 member colleges, universities, high schools, trade and technical schools, educational organizations, and individual counselors. The Association sponsors National College Fairs in cities throughout the country every year.

The NACAC National College Fairs have served over three-million students and parents over the past 18 years, and have received the official endorsement of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

NACAC publishes a range of helpful booklets and materials for students and parents. To receive a list of NACAC publications, write to: NACAC Publications Department, 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 430, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, or call (703) 836-2222.

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Wednesday, March 18th: Rotini macaroni with meat sauce, Italian bread and butter, seasoned Italian mix vegetables, sweet potato spice cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, March 19th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato puffs with catsup, orange jello with peaches, milk.

Friday, March 20th: In Service Day. No lunches served.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

Summer Jobs Available At Town Camps

The Agawam personnel office is accepting applications for summer positions at Perry Lane Park and Camp Rainbow.

Applications may be obtained from the personnel office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applicants may also request an application by contacting the office at 786-0400, extension 213 or 239. Applications must be returned to the personnel office on or before May 1st, 1992.

The town is recruiting applicants for many and varied positions which require diversified skills and qualifications. For more information regarding qualifications, please contact the personnel office at 786-0400, extension 213 or 239, or the parks and recreation office at 786-0400, extension 456.

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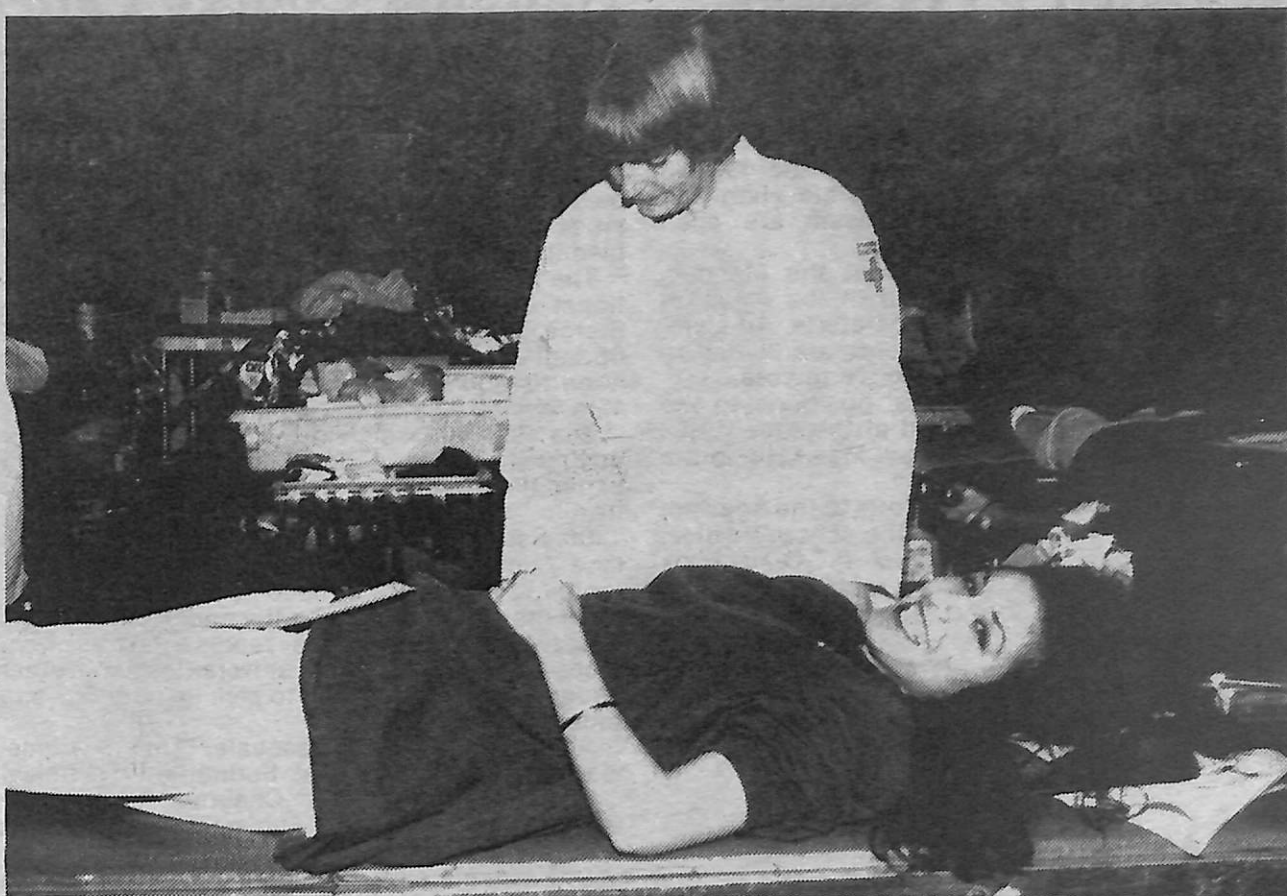
Boston University has announced that it has awarded academic degrees to 896 students this past winter.

Among the graduates was Feeding Hill resident Lori A. Waniewski, who received a BSBA in Business Administration and Management, cum laude.

Boston University is the fifth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 28,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges.

Please remember that our deadline is Tuesday at noon. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. We close at 3:00 p.m. every Friday. Thank-you.

AHS Students Help Out Red Cross



AT A BLOOD MOBILE sponsored by the American Red Cross at Agawam High School on March 6th, many of the school's students came out to give the "gift of life." Here, student Wendy Flebotte is being assisted by Ellen Clark, L.P.N. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 1.

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225,000	22,500	112,500	45,000	500,000	1,000	448
250,000	25,000	125,000	50,000	500,000	1,000	474
275,000	27,500	137,500	55,000	500,000	1,000	493
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Sports

Brownie Girls Second In WMass...

'Hamp Stops AHS Girls In Div. I

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Northampton High School ended the Western Mass. Championship dreams of the young Agawam High Brownies on Saturday night at the Springfield Civic Center in the Western Mass. Division I title game.

Locked in a tight duel throughout the first 27 minutes of the game, the Blue Devils pulled away with three-point shooting and inside power to post a 67-54 triumph over Agawam.

Coach Lou Conte and his troops finished the season with a gaudy 19-4 record, but ultimately didn't have enough depth to overcome damaging foul trouble and a big burst by Blue Devil forward Lauren Demski.

In actuality, it took both "big guns" a while to get the chamber loaded Saturday night, as Demski and Agawam's Kim Trudel only scored eight points between them in a tight first half.

That number would change significantly by game's end as both kids would lead their team in the scoring department. Trudel pounded for a game-high 25 points, and Demski scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half, most of them coming down the stretch.

Agawam did everything that was written on Conte's chalkboard early as it came out flying and led 9-3 with 13:24 to go in the half. Northampton coach Tom Parent called timeout to talk it over.

What he wanted to talk about was Agawam's balanced scoring early in the proceedings. Trudel lifted the curtain by spinning one in from the left block for a 2-0 lead.

Blue Devil point guard Beth Kuzmeski answered with a three-pointer, but point guard Stephanie Mason responded by drilling a line drive, right wing three to swing the early pendulum toward the Brownies.

Laura Bielitz swished a right corner set shot, and Cyndi Stone converted a Mason fastball pass underneath, leading to the timeout.

Agawam's Biggest Thorn

That's when the biggest thorn in Agawam's

season reappeared for the first time. Sophomore Liz Moulton began shooting from the hip.

She launched her first shot of the evening from three-point land and it found only the cords to trim the deficit to 9-6. She would go on to score 16 on the night with her unorthodox motion, and she would share team-high honors with Demski.

Northampton and Agawam swapped the lead several times thereafter in the first half, and the game was really picking up in intensity. Kim Frost gave 'Hamp the lead (18-16) on a slick jump hook on the right block, and Demski followed that up with a leapin' leaper.

Sheila Martin would get her only deuce of the half by draining one from inside the arc to bring Agawam within two, but Frost scored the team's final four points of the half on a putback and a pair of free throws, and 'Hamp went to the locker room with a four-point cushion at 24-20.

Northampton would keep it going early in the second, as it lived on the offensive glass and got stickbacks from the resurgent Demski and Johanna Clark.

Trudel was starting to work her lane magic and the Brownies stayed right in 'Hamp's face. Agawam pulled within three on a great shot by Trudel as she laid one up softly (off glass) to make the score 29-26.

Agawam regained possession and was looking to slice the lead to one, but Kuzmeski stripped the ball in the lane and completed a "blow-by" dash to the goal for a five-point lead.

Trudel converted a loose ball near the goal and Frost answered with a pair of free throws, but Agawam scored the next six to take the lead.

Bielitz nailed one out of the corner and Martin (nice big second-half points) scored the next two hoops. Sheila hit a little banker off a nifty Stone feed and then gave her team the lead (34-33) with a 17-footer. 'Hamp went to the timeout at 10:33.

Moulton gave the fourth-seeded Devils the lead with a runner on the right side, but Trudel created

some space deep in the paint to swing the advantage back to Agawam.

That was to be Agawam's last lead of the ballgame. An innocent little 10-footer by Johanna Clark (seven points) gave 'Hamp a lead it would never surrender. Moulton followed that with a right corner swish.

Blue Devils Get "Breathing Room"

Trudel would score the next 11 Brownie markers with a variety of super stuff down low, but the Devils were getting help from everywhere as they began to give themselves a little breathing room.

While Trudel was doing everything in her earthly power to salvage a ballgame that seemed to be getting away, 'Hamp responded with another Kuzmeski steal and hoop, an Attie Stiles layup, a Demski free throw, a Kuzmeski three-pointer, a Demski corner shot, and a power duck under from the left block.

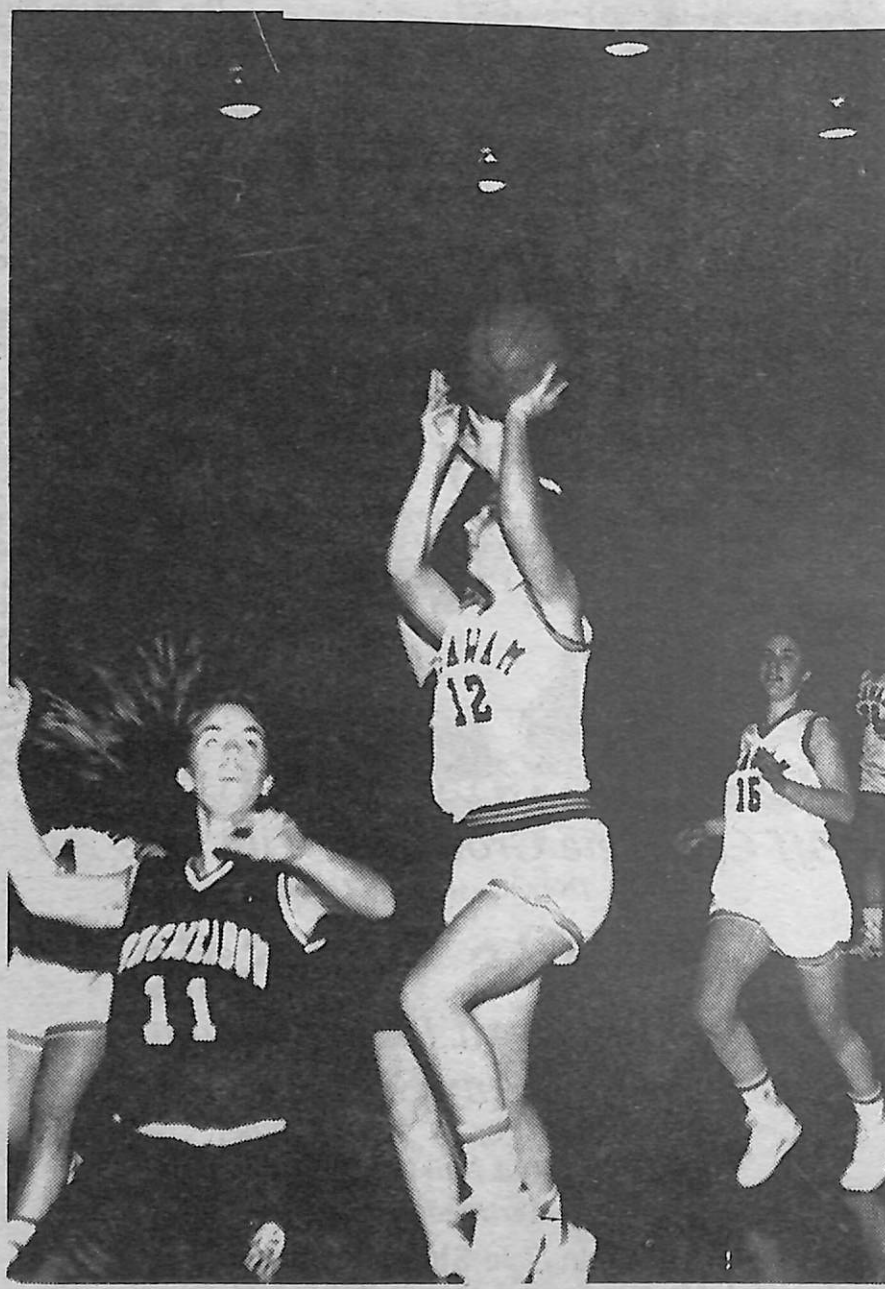
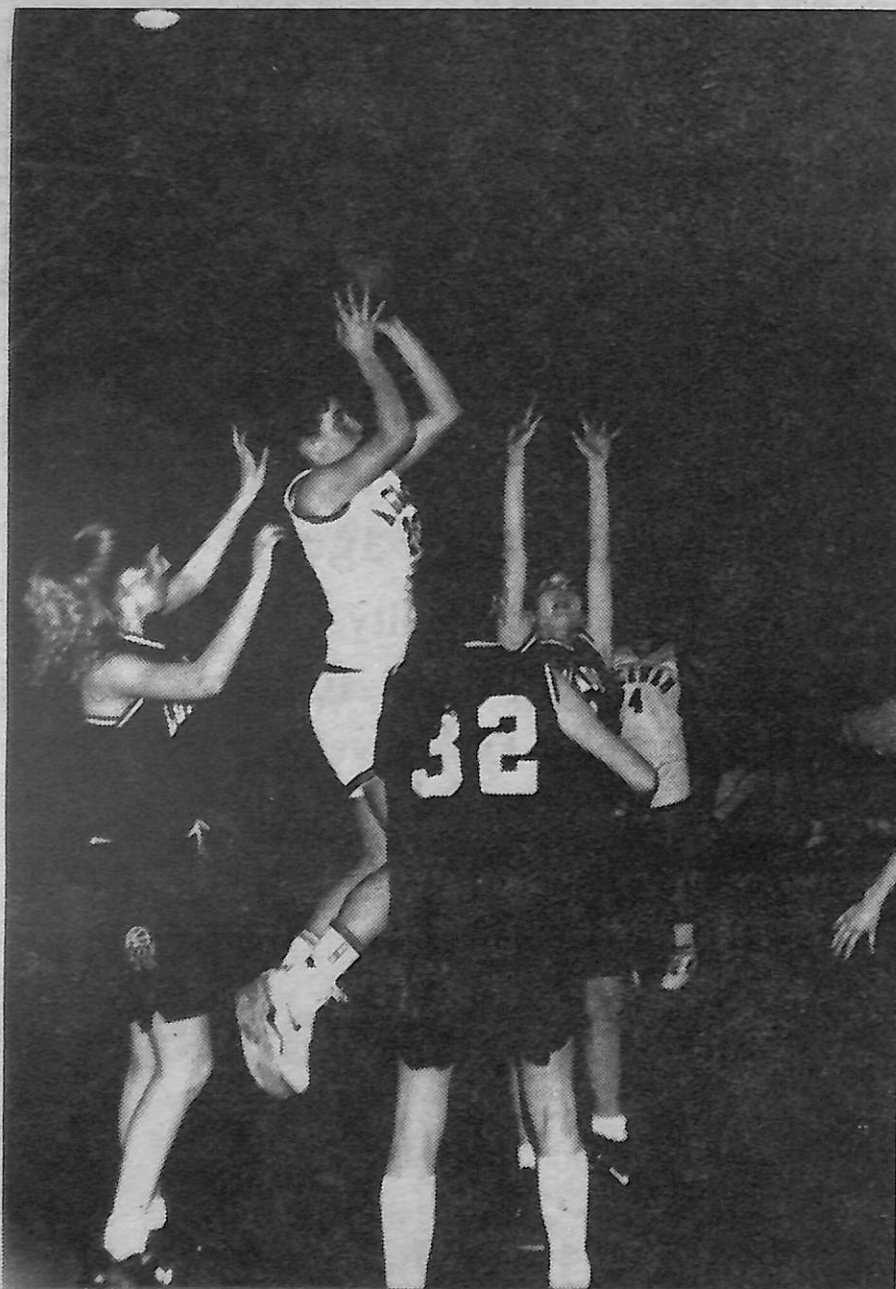
Finally, a Moulton short jumper on the right side ended the flurry. You get the picture—the Northampton depth was showing through, and there weren't enough Agawam fingers to plug up the dam.

Stone, Martin, and Mason all fouled out as the game wound down, and Demski started to really exert herself. With 4:45 to go, Trudel would score to pull Agawam within 47-44, but that was as close as the locals would get the rest of the way.

Trudel led the Brownies with 25, and Martin closed out her career with a fine 11-point contribution. The Blue Devils go to Worcester to compete in the State Tournament at presstime.

The Brownies will go and fill up their can of Payback. They are comforted by the knowledge that only Martin will be missing from the team when festivities get underway again next season.

That should mean some more good things for 1992-93.



IN AGAWAM HIGH'S 67-54 loss to the Northampton Blue Devils in the Western Mass. girls' Division I final, both Kim Trudel (left) and Sheila Martin (right) enjoyed outstanding games in the losing effort. Trudel will be back next year while Martin will be lost to graduation. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Candy Helps Hoop



AGAWAM HIGH BASKETBALL players Derek Poole and Todd Boskiewicz were recently selling candy outside the Agawam Post Office to raise funds for the team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Agawam's Nick Langone Places 2nd In N. England Wrestling Tournament

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A hand to the face of his opponent in the first period and a questionable "head butt" is all that separated Agawam High's Nick Langone from the New England Championship at 189 pounds on Saturday night in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

The Massachusetts State Champion wrestler suffered his first setback of the season after piling up a 37-0 record going into the Finals.

The "loss" was difficult to swallow for the junior mat wizard as he dropped a 2-1 decision to Jason Bazemore of Lowell High School in a rematch of the State Finals. Nick triumphed 3-1 in the previous match.

Langone and Bazemore took turns trying to get an upperbody takedown in the first period, and there was a lot of hands being used by both wrestlers.

When Nick was penalized for the hands to the face, he knew that he would have to earn a takedown or a reversal somewhere along the line in order to gain the victory.

Riding Bazemore in the second period, Langone resorted to his variety of powerful leg holds to secure his opponent. Bazemore repeatedly tried to stand, but he did so with Langone draped all over him.

Ultimately, the referee signalled a stalling warning on Langone.

Langone Ties The Match

In the third period, it took Langone only 20 seconds to extricate himself from Bazemore's hold and earn the one-point escape, tying the match.

As Langone continuously shot at the legs of his opponent and still continued to try and get the upper body, he was charged with the head butt.

Now, with just over a minute remaining, he would have to earn the takedown.

With neutral observers from all over the gym hollering for a stalling call on Bazemore, Nick stalked him all over the round circle. Whenever Langone came close to getting his takedown,

Bazemore found the edge of the mat.

The action was furious at match's end, but Nick never got that takedown and was thus denied his title.

Coach Phil Tomkiel said after the match, "Another referee decision has cost us. The Lowell coach told me that they were poor calls, too, and that the referee shouldn't decide the match, especially in a huge match like this."

Tomkiel went on to say, "Nicky scored the only point of the match with the escape. He looked good in the third period, but he probably should have gotten a little busier a little earlier."

Langone had buzzed into the finals by winning matches by the score of 20-4 (over the Rhode Island state runner-up), 12-0 (over the New Hampshire state champ), and 4-1 (over the Connecticut fourth-place finisher).

Cooper Also Competes in Glastonbury

Nick was not the only Brownie to compete in Glastonbury. Mike Cooper, state runner-up at Lowell in the 130-pound division, entered the weekend proceedings with a formidable record of 32-2-1 and he had his way in the first round.

Cooper pounded the Rhode Island state champion 17-3, but then dropped a tough 9-7 decision to the New Hampshire first-place winner. Coop took down Ben Dawson in the first and second period to lead it 4-0, but then lost the match 9-7 as Dawson seemed to stay strong throughout the entire match.

Once on the bottom, Coop lost by a wide margin to his next opponent and was eliminated from the tournament.

Cooper is eligible to wrestle in the Nationals, which will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, during the first weekend in April. He will be seeking community, corporate, or individual financial support that will enable him to make the three-day trip.

Langone will be eligible to wrestle in the Nationals next season as a senior.

Agawam AA Ends Instructional Hoop Season

The Agawam Athletic Association's Instructional Basketball Program ended its season on Saturday, March 7th. This year, 100 five and six year-old children participated in the weekly program, held each Saturday morning in the Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium at Agawam High School.

For the past 10 weeks, the youths have been introduced to basic basketball skills, including dribbling, passing, and shooting. Highlighting this year's program were two special clinics con-

ducted by the girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams (under the direction of Coaches Lou Conte and Mike Martin).

Co-Commissioners Buddy Scaggs and Janis Phaneuf would like to thank the following coaches for their assistance - Stephen Pilegi, Tom Wynne, Ricky Martel, Steve McGuire, Jay Clark, Bill LaChapelle, Jeff Carmody, Peter Clark, Brendan Reilly, Mark Summers, Dan Sullivan, Steve Gomes, Rich Conlon, Paul Lagasse, and Jerry Burke.

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COACHES JIM GRAVELINE and GLEN OLSON with members of the 1991-92 Agawam High School boys' and girls' ski team, pictured at Mt. Tom.

Agawam High Boys' Ski Team Ends Solid Winter Season In 4th Place

The Agawam High boys' ski team recently blew past Frontier Regional High School to place third in a meet that pushed the squad to clinch a solid fourth place overall in Division B. Division B is comprised of seven teams, including South Hadley, Minnechaug, Frontier, Hampshire Regional, Chicopee Comp, Holyoke Catholic, and Agawam.

The Agawam High team came on very strong at season's end. "I am very happy with the improvements with the squad. Each year our times have been improving dramatically," said Coach Glen Olson.

Once again Ed LaLancette has proved to be the standout for the Brownie skiers. His times have been consistent enough to qualify him for last weekend's State Ski Meet.

After struggling at the beginning of the season, captain Brett Gearing finished strong. Gearing ended his senior year by placing in the top 34 in the league (out of 250 skiers). Juniors Paul Markowski and Dan Montagna trimmed seconds off their times to edge them closer to the pack. Markowski placed 46th overall. "I feel that their experience is just starting to show. And I expect much more from them next year," said Olson.

The surprise of the day was freshman Ryan Willett. He mustered two fine times during the regional tournament to place in the top 60. Willett shaved over 16 seconds of his average time in the slalom alone.

Todd Zern followed right behind Willett in 67th place. He had a fast time in the giant slalom race to help his overall standings.

The unfortunate injury to Joe Scherpa left him watching from the sidelines. He was consistently finishing within the top four of the team during the

season. Scherpa's experience will help the boys' squad next year.

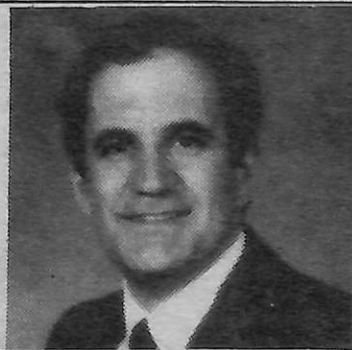
"Steve Slate showed a lot of potential for a young skier, I look to his experience in helping us in the future as well," added Olson.

The slalom proved to be extremely technical for the majority of the racers. Matt Bellico, Brandon Robb, Paul Klisiewicz, and Montagna all fell victim to the scratchy snow surface on the race course.

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ON THE SLOPES AT MT. TOM are members of the Agawam High boys' and girls' ski teams. From left - seniors Brett Gearing, Kim Nacewicz, and Florence Laly.

AHS Girls' Ski Team Proves Surprise For 1991-92; Much Talent Coming Back

The 1991-92 ski season for the Agawam High girls' team proved to be a pleasant surprise. What was supposed to be a rebuilding year proved to be most productive. According to Coach Jim Graveline, this year's team was a motivated and cohesive unit that far exceeded his expectations.

Led by sophomore Dyan DeLuce, who placed 26th out of 150 racers this season, the girls consistently cut seconds off their times with each race. The giant slalom proved to be the team's best event. "In several of the races we were within tenths of a second of the team or teams placing above us. We did not have the same good fortune in the slalom event. This is an area we will have to work very hard on next season," noted Graveline.

"With the exception of one sixth place finish, the slalom consistently hurt our combined times. We did manage to move up one position in the division over last season, however. So the season was what I consider a very positive experience for the team," added Graveline.

The order of finish for the season in the giant slalom event for the girls was Dyan DeLuce, Kim Gravelin, Kim Nacewicz, Florence Laly, Chris Freeman, Nicole Racicot, Nicole DeCosmo, Jenn DaSilva, Kerri Blackak, Maura Paton, Cindy Liszka, and Beth Tangredi.

The order of finish for the slalom event was Dyan DeLuce, Kim Graveline, Kim Nacewicz, Florence Laly, Nicole Racicot, Kerry Blackak, Maura Paton, Cindy Liszka, Nicole DeCosmo, Beth Tangredi, and Jenn DaSilva.

The team once again benefitted from the guidance and direction of captain Kim Nacewicz. Along with her, co-captain Dyan DeLuce "made my job much easier. Through their energy and never-ending eagerness to work, things always went smoothly. Sometimes, jobs were done before I asked," noted Graveline.

This year's team was young, comprised of four freshmen, five sophomores, one junior, and two seniors. The two seniors were Kim Nacewicz and American Intercultural Exchange student Florence Laly of France. Nacewicz skied well this season, consistently giving the team a solid third in her times. Laly had some frustrating runs this season but came on very strong at the end, said Graveline.

"We would love to have both of these girls back next year, but since we can't, we wish them the very best in the future. Kim is going on to college where we hope she continues to ski. Flo is going home to France in July and we hope we stay in touch. Florence will be missed for her skiing as well as her personality. She is always there with a warm smile, friendly conversation, information about her home, and who could forget her singing on the slopes."

About next year's team, Graveline said the team's future appears bright. With DeLuce and Nacewicz pushing each other towards faster and faster times, others will be close behind.

"Next year should be the breakout year for Nicole DeCosmo, Nicole Racicot, and Maura Paton. All three made major improvements in their times from last year and improved the techniques necessary to gain solid times in the division," said Graveline.

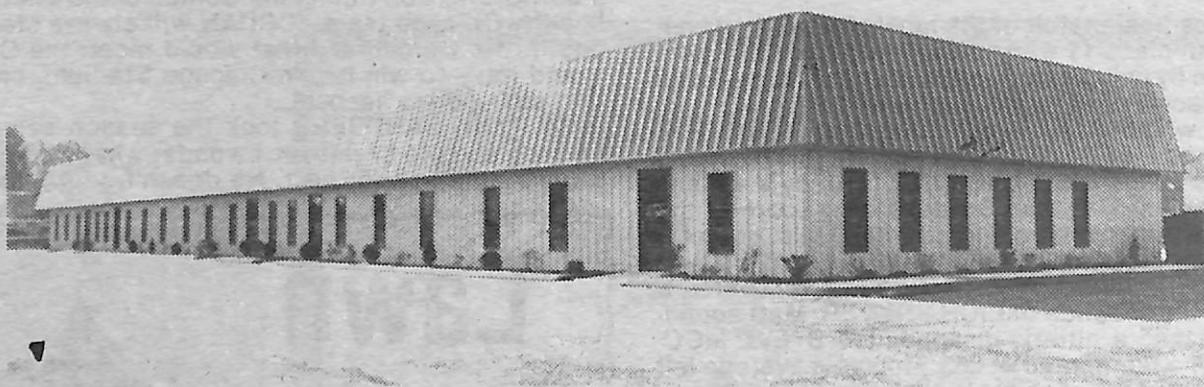
Graveline said two of his freshmen failed to reach their potential due to injuries during the season. "But judging by their finish at the Western Mass. Meet, Jenn DaSilva and Chris Freeman are going to be valuable additions to the team next year."

"The last of the frosh," said Graveline, "Beth Tangredi, deserves special mention in as much as she made more improvements in skiing skills than any other team member. This was accomplished

through dedication and hard work on Beth's part. I hope she continues in this fashion next year."

Sophomore newcomer Cindy Liska had a fine run at the tournament and continued to work on her aggressiveness during the season. The team's only senior next year will be Kerry Blackak. "I look to Kerry to provide a great deal of emotional support for the younger skiers. Because of her strong slalom finish, we will be depending on her technical abilities as well," added Graveline.

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Race Tightens For 1st In Tri-Parish Bowling

The race for the Round Three title in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl continues to be a tight week after five weeks of rolling.

Boston College (13½ wins) holds first place, with St. Louis (13 wins) and Georgetown (13 wins) hot on the trail.

In a big week five match-up, BC and G-Town split, two wins each. Winning for G-Town were MELISSA PONTE (266-259 over TINA FRAPPIER) and JOHN MLINEK (269-265 over MARIE SARACINO). BC winners were second roller BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE (317-good night for "Don't Call Me Bob") and substitute "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA. He defeated G-Town captain DEBBIE PORIRIER, 317-309. Lou is rolling at a 102.9 clip in a sub role while Debbie still leads the women's circuit at 102.31. Her battle with SHIRLEY SARACINO for the top gun of the women will resume again next week as Shirley is expected back from her extended Florida holiday.

St. Louis tightened the race with three victories over eighth place Fordham (6½ wins). St. Lou winners were JEAN BUONICONTI (276, leads the Women's Class AA at 94.1), JOHN LONCRINI (299), and captain JIM HOAGUE, who really laid the wood to OLLIE MULDER, 341-297. Ollie, recovering from back problems, is still the Men's AAA scoring leader at 104.19, while Jim leads the way in Class AA at 101.41.

The only Fordham winner was JANICE MOCCIO (294). Janice is second in Women's Class A at 90.10.

St. Anselm was able to move into 6th place (11 wins) at the expense of St. Michael (4th place-11½ wins), three wins to win. Turn this match around and St. Mike's would be tied for first place.

St. A's winners were DON STITT (246-239 over STELLA BARBIERI) and captain TIM SHEEHAN, who really torched the lanes with a 373-305 victory over veteran St. Mike's captain FRED MORASSI. Morassi said afterwards that the upstart Sheehan must be eating right. Sheehan, by the way, still leads the league in rolling at 109.9. Morassi leads the Men's Class A at 98.53.

Winning for St. Mike's was RENEE JURY (309-306 over TONY "I'm Not A Captain Kozak"; Renee is in second in the Women's Class AA at 93.27). Deadlocking in their match were PAUL LAGODITZ of St. Mike's and TERRY CERPOVICZ, 267 each.

St. Mary's (5th place-11½ wins) dramatically increased its lot in life by sweeping lowly and poor last place Holy Cross (3½ wins) in a clean sweep, four wins to none.

St. Mary's winners were CHRIS BUKOWSKI (274), BOB COELLN (258-255 over VI MASSOIA), and captain JIM "Mac" MCNAMEE, 302-273 over LARRY VIENS. "Mac" rolls at a 96.16 clip in Men's Class AA while Viens is at 100.11 in Men's Class AAA.

In the final match of the night, Catholic University (7th place-11 wins) moved back into title contention by using a huge stick on lowly Notre Dame (9th place-5½ wins), four wins to none.

The whole match came down to JIM SNYDER, who fired a torrid 366 to win his match over dazed and fazed FRANK CERPOVICZ (270) by a whopping 96 pins. This was Snyder's best score of the season. He now is rolling at a 102.0 clip, good for second place in Men's Class AAA. Next up was substitute roller MATT TETREULT, who fired a 330 in the absence of RICH SNYDER. Matt soundly thrashed a bitterly disappointed STEVE MOCCIO, who floundered at 265. Moccio's average fell to 106.25 in the race for the top gun in the league vs. his pal, Tim Sheehan (who had a big night).

Winning for ND were substitute leadoff JENN JORGENSEN (232) and MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (293). Maybeth leads the Women's Class B in rolling at 88.13.

Sports A La Carte...

Red Sox News; Bird's Return; N.Y. Rangers?

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I wonder if the local NBC affiliate picked up on the fact that KEVIN WILLIS of the Hawks gave them an unconscious plug recently. He scored 22 points and snagged 22 rebounds in a victory over the Celtics...

If you read this month's *Sport* magazine, then you maybe saw that LARRY JOHNSON of the Charlotte Hornets has a wingspan of 8'88"! Anybody that knows what I look like might want to compare that Mr. Johnson's span (he's 6'6") to this Mr. Johnson's (I'm almost 6 feet).

Mine measures a shade under five feet wide. (* Wingspan is measured from fingertip to fingertip *) Break out the tape measure and check it out...

How's that Iditarod going? Oh, you don't know? Me either...

It never bothered me one iota that ROGER CLEMENS was not in camp in February. What interests me is what he does when April rolls around.

We, Red Sox supporters, have to stop bothering ourselves with such trivia. That is simply talk show fodder, and weak fodder at that...

For those of you who badmouth MR. GREENWELL for swinging at the first pitch all the time, you might want to consider this: Statistics prove that for every time Yankee slugger KEVIN MAAS struck out last season, he produced 1.03 runs.

For every time "Gator" Greenwell whiffed, he produced 4.54 runs (which was fourth best in the majors behind TONY GWYNN, BRIAN HARPER, and CAL RIPKEN, JR.). WADE BOGGS was fifth with 4.50 runs produced.

Princeton and PETE CARIL are back in the NCAA tournament. So what? They'll play some national power real tough (and real boring) and they'll lose a nailbiter by the score of 41-36 (or something like that), and they'll head back to where the Ivy is greener...

Nobody can tell me that LARRY BIRD'S return is not the biggest story in sports recently. I don't care if I live near Boston and have a strong desire to see the Celtics succeed.

The fact remains that Bird came back with an outstanding performance in many areas of the game and made his team come to life. The guy is *Le Différence* as they say in Canada.

I don't know how long he'll hold up physically, but I tell you what. If KEVIN MCHALE can get his pins under him and DEE BROWN continues to improve, the Celts will be opposite the Bulls in the Eastern Finals.

And—the Bulls haven't had to bite on the injury bug very often lately. We'll see if their luck holds out during the dog days. And, another thing, those Western powerhouses are mighty inconsistent.

The Celts could knock off a Portland or a San Antonio. This could be an interesting spring. (Footnote—I don't think the Celtics could beat a healthy Chicago team. JORDAN will always steal one in the Garden and that would mean the C's would have to win two in Chicago Stadium, and that ain't gonna happen)...

So RYNE SANDBERG took the season salary sweepstakes to \$7 million. I wonder what RUBEN SIERRA will ask for next. He doesn't sound like

the kind of guy who will settle for less than the top salary. At least he will ask for it...

Cincinnati is the 14th-rated club in the country in the latest AP Top Twenty Five poll. I haven't seen them, but I'd bet you a cold one that they won't last through the first weekend of the tournament...

It may change by the time that you read this, but the Miami Heat is already a third-place team in the Atlantic Division of the NBA and they are only five games behind the Celtics in the chase for the last few playoff spots. That team has quietly gotten very respectable...

New York's Ranger fans were enjoying the regular season very much as they head into the NHL's "Everybody's invited to the Playoffs" jockeying party. I know a few local folks that would be real happy if this particular year was the season that the jinx was lifted.

There's still a ways to go and despite the team's recent slide, they may still be a solid contender when the party starts in April. If things go as expected for Rangers fans, they will face Montreal in the semi-finals...

I just read my first Detroit Pistons' article of the season without DENNIS RODMAN's name in it. So I checked the boxscore and there he was with 21 rebounds.

I guess it is getting so commonplace that everyone expects it now. He is just a superlative board man...

Back to LB for a minute? What kind of impact does the Celtic superstar make?

On the night of his return, the opponents (Dallas Mavericks) were whistled a technical for having "Too Many Men on the Floor." Well, if you can't beat them with five...

What do you do in the third period of an 11-0 hockey game? Well, when the Canucks drubbed the Flames by that score in Vancouver recently, the third period was highlighted by 19 penalties, including seven majors, one misconduct, and one match penalty. Sounds like a lot of fun, eh?...

From Our "It Couldn't Be High Dental Bills" Department: LEON SPINKS is doing his LARRY HOLMES-GEORGE FOREMAN impersonation and attempting a boxing comeback at the age of 38...

MARK PRICE appears a lock to win this year's free throw shooting crown. He has missed just eight of his 192 free throws at presstime.

Imagine shooting 96% for an entire season? That's incredible! RICKEY PIERCE is just as amazing. He is shooting 93.4%, missing only 22 times in 334 tries. Wow!...

I thought it might be a while before the expansion Charlotte Hornets would beat the Sixers by 52 points in one game, but the LARRY JOHNSON-led Hornets laid a 136-84 hurt on the Boys from the Spectrum two Sundays ago...

You might never hear a more graphic description of an athlete's sport than this one. DON NIELSEN, who was a biathlete on the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, commented on his craft: "It's like smoking a pack of cigarettes, then running a 440-yard dash, and then trying to thread a needle."...

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WOMEN'S LOW-IMPACT AEROBICS:

This exercise program will be the final one before summer. The course is designed to stretch and tone your body. A free swim time is optional after the Monday night class.

Session: March 23rd/25th to May 18th/20th, 1992 (eight weeks); Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Jr. High Gym "A"; Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m. - Robinson Park School Gym

Program Fee: \$35 per person for two nights. If you wish to join one night, cost will be \$20 per person (NO REFUNDS)

Instructor: Willie Fortini

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

This is the final volleyball program before summer break. A free swim period is optional after the class.

Session: March 23rd to May 18th, 1992 (eight weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

Program Fee: \$20 per person (NO REFUNDS)

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

This program is informal and for recreation. It provides fun, exercise, and competition.

Session: March 24th to May 26th, 1992 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (NO REFUNDS)

RECREATIONAL SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School is open to the public for swimming for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. Lifeguards will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect and NO cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

Session: Sundays through March 29th (FINAL SUNDAY FOR THE SEASON)

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays through May 18th (FINAL MONDAY FOR THE SEASON)

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Pool Fee: \$2 per person, per session; children under six, no charge (NO DISPOSABLE DIAPERS)

HIGH SCHOOL GYM HAS NEW HOURS

The open gym sessions (for high school students and up) at the Agawam High School will have new hours for the month of March. The gym will be open every Monday beginning March 2nd and Thursdays, March 5th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There is a charge of \$2 per person, per night, payable to the supervisor at the door. The program will end on Thursday, March 26th, 1992.

Bob Johnson On Sports...

ESPN Hoop Analyst Jim Valvano Was Also Just Fine At NC State

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Jim Valvano didn't exactly have a spotless reputation when he came to be a television analyst. He was viewed by many as the slick coach that got out of North Carolina State when the getting was good.

He was remembered as the guy who "stole the National Championship from Phi Slamma Jamma" some years ago, but he was equally notorious for his selection and handling of the inner city athlete.

Valvano and his charges were the subject of several pieces of journalism that cast him in a not very fine light with the public and the NCAA.

I am not going to catalog a laundry list of the charges that were pending, or the ones that were dropped. I'm not going to get into his endorsements, his style as Athletic Director, or his ability to recruit.

The main reason is because I simply do not know these things. And, I don't care.

Valvano's Talents

What Valvano could do was obvious. He could take a kid from Point A and put him in Point B and draw the maximum amount of talent out of him. To me, that adds up to doing something better.

He was able to go with his five against anybody's else's five for years and years and he consistently got the job done. He did it some years with an awesome backcourt and a weak front line.

Other times, he did it with leapers down on the box. There were times when he simply had nothing and did it with baling wire and spit. Jim Valvano was an outstanding basketball coach.

He was lionized for his Italian heritage by the imitable Dick Vitale. Also, Al McGuire had some fun using his version of Pasta Language when talking about his Paisan friend. The nation had a good feeling when talk centered on Jim Valvano.

Down Carolina way, it was common knowledge that Dean Smith was able to rip away all of the talented kids that were polished, and Valvano had to make do with what was left on Tobacco Road. Jimmy V always did just fine.

Last weekend, a friend of mine asked me to consider a couple of issues regarding the concept of accountability in the coaching ranks. He had obviously given it a good deal of thought.

Apparently, a New York columnist brings attention to the subject frequently and raises specific points for the reader at large to chew on.

"Does a Science teacher care what goes on in the English classroom?" he asked me. I felt my head roll sideways momentarily as I answered with an unspoken "no." Actions speak louder than words.

The point is that many of us are so quick to judge people on the slimmest evidence. Sure, it would be great if the coaches could "Recruit the Student" and leave the bum alone, but we don't flip on the tube or go to the games to watch the best students.

We're looking for basketball players that can jump over rims or dribble through the double team. We make no bones about that.

Coaches Have A Responsibility To Schools

Besides, this is a democracy and everybody should be given an opportunity to do what they want to do. The coaches have a responsibility to the institution to put the best team possible on the floor. And—they lose their job if they don't "meet the expectations of the university." And, Al Davis fans, that means "just win baby."

In nirvana, everybody would be a 3.8 student, a credit to the community and a marvelous athlete. But, that isn't going to happen.

The NCAA has guidelines by which the recruiters have to abide. If a kid happens to fall within those parameters, then he is eligible and Valvano and many others have learned exactly which kids qualify.

From that point forward, the coach should simply be expected to maintain some semblance of order in the areas of conduct, discipline and leading by example.

The young athlete should be counselled on the odds of going forward to play professional sports and the opportunity that exists to garner that special intangible called education.

There is something to be said for giving a kid a chance. It is quite another if the kid responds unfavorably. Some of the accountability has to be placed upon the athlete and less emphasis on the coach.

And, those words are spoken by a kid that didn't give a damn what was going on in Science class.

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Over At Fitness First... Naturally Skinny Are Too Much To Take For Us Out-Of-Shapers!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When I began my Annual "Hoping to Look Presentable in a Bathing Suit" campaign last week at Fitness First, I had the optimism of Spring as my only momentum.

I hit the weight room at six in the morning and was running on the treadmill before most of you woke up. I saw several people that I knew and even made plans to begin again in the sport of racquetball.

After three workouts, I could feel my body tightening up and feeling stronger. I didn't get as tired as early as I was used to getting tired.

Then, I came to this God-forsaken place in Glastonbury. The New England Wrestling Championships. It reminded me of comedian Louis Anderson talking about life in California when he said, "There are only three fat people here in California, they have us on eight hour shifts."

When you are my size, you don't feel all that comfortable walking around at the wrestling tournaments. It was bad in Ludlow, worse in Lowell, and came to a head in Glastonbury.

Everybody that was walking around had the old washboard stomach that I have come to hate as my youth has turned to young adult (and quickly screaming toward middle age). Is this what they mean by mid-life crisis?

It doesn't bother me about the kids. Heck, I looked just like those kids when I was in high school. I only weighed 158 pounds when I joined the Navy. I was as strong (or stronger) pound for pound than anybody I knew.

No, the kids don't bother me. I know that they, too, will grow older and will have to work harder to maintain their weight. What bothers me are the 30 and 40 year old coaches who look like they are ready to take the mat! Some do it through hard work and discipline. They don't bother me, either.

The ones that bother me are the guys that can do it through metabolism. They were born to be skinny! Those are the ones that bother me. They drink all the beers they want and eat everything in sight, and still maintain their weight.

In the three years that I have toiled for this newspaper, I have threatened to get into some semblance of shape. There are still many members of the Agawam High track team that know that I can still run like hell and there are a few instructors at Fitness First that know I can still lift up quite a bit of weight, but my aerobic capacity must rise—and rise dramatically—if I want to feel good most of the time.

So, this Spring will be one of "Early to Bed and Early to Rise," because this is the year that my goals will be achieved. Maybe now that I have put it in the newspaper, there will be additional pressure on me to sustain my early intensity. Maybe.

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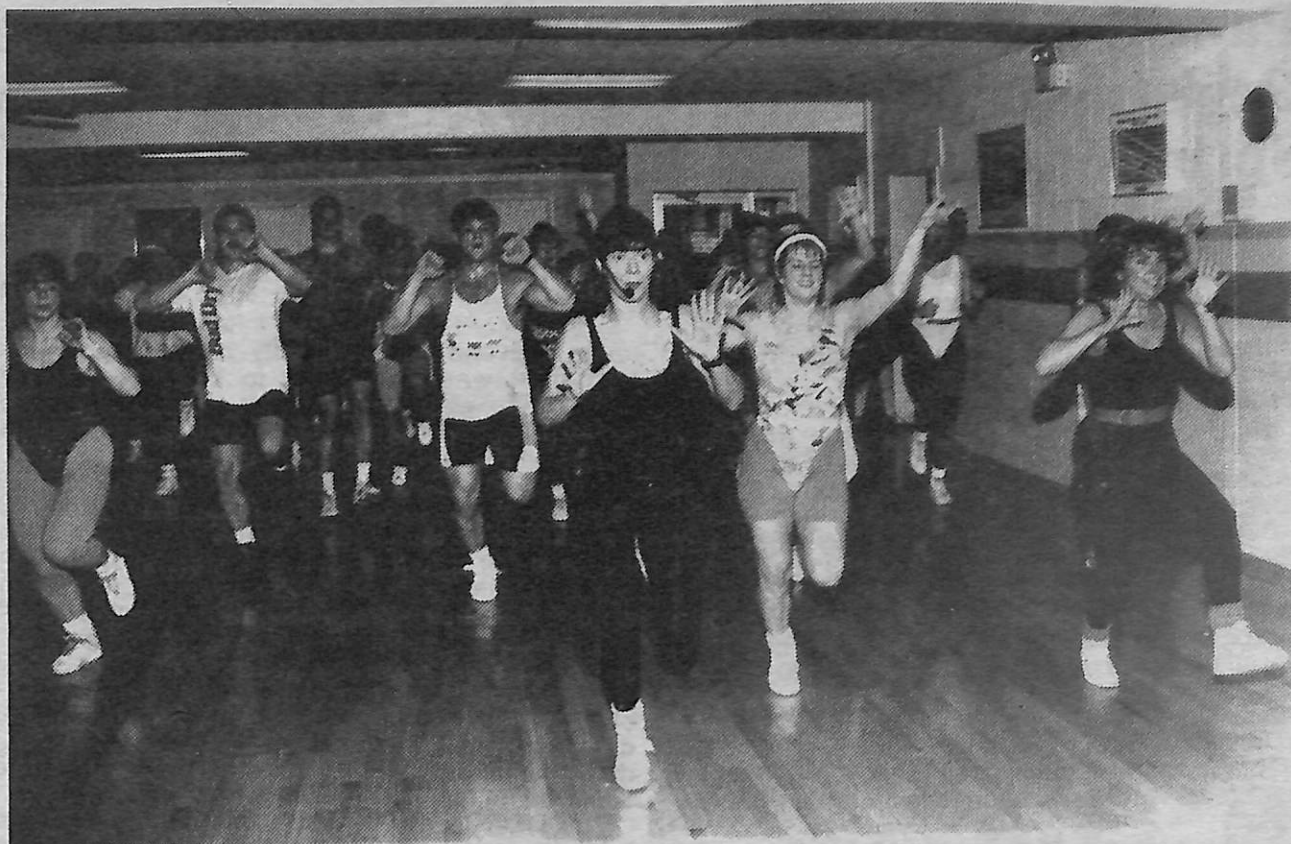
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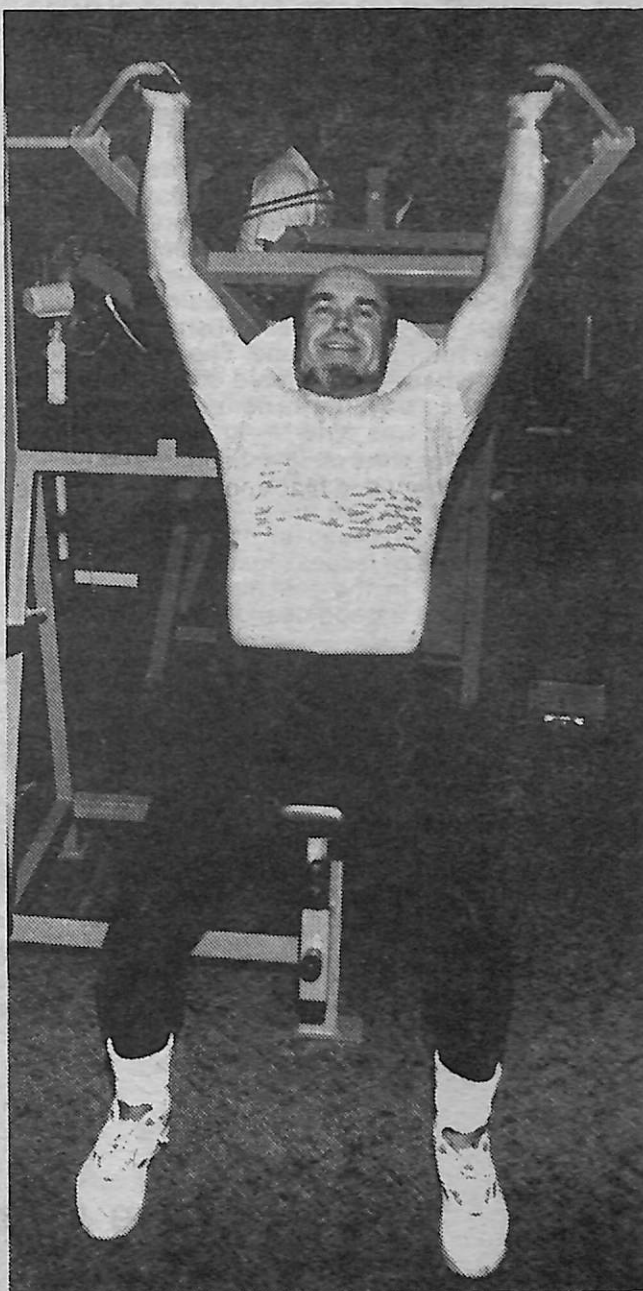
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SOME OF THOSE "Can't Pinch An Inchers" can be found in the aerobics classes at Fitness First Health & Racquet Club in Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WORKING OUT WITH VIM AND VIGOR at Fitness First Health & Racquet Club in Feeding Hills Center are Leo Demelbauer and Lisa Heintz. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Spring Is A Busy Time!

For the previous three years, the Agawam Sportsmen Club has been holding a fishing derby for the blind. It has been very successful.

Members of the club have assisted with the blind anglers, and many were amazed at the dexterity they showed in handling the rod and reel.

One member remarked to me, "Many of them never have seen a rod and reel, and yet they handle them like they have been fishing all their lives. It is a wonderful feeling being involved with them."

This is what it is all about—having them enjoying a sport that all of us with good sight take for granted.

The derby will be held April 18th, 1992, and this year it will be sponsored by the Mass. Blind Association, headed by Kay O'Brien and being assisted by Ray Tessicini and Don Swindle, members of the Agawam Sportsmen Club.

The community in the past has been very generous in donating articles to use for prizes that help defray the cost of the event. Donations are being requested again this year. The articles may be dropped off at the club house at 100 Corey Street, Agawam, after 2:00 p.m. (weekdays).

If you are unable to make the club house, you may call Ray Tessicini at 786-9863 after 5:00 p.m., or leave a message at the club (786-4808) and your request will be dealt with.

The Annual Banquet of the Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc. will be held April 25th, 1992 at the club house. Jim Martel is chairman of the event and is looking for members to volunteer to help in the kitchen, with raffles, and on ticket sales.

The meal will be prime rib, with munchies from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The dinner is open to members and the public, but a limit of 100 tickets will be sold. The price of the tickets is \$12.50 each.

A reminder from the fish and game committee to get your tickets early for the derby that is being held March 29th, 1992. It promises to be a good derby and there are plenty of fish in the pond. As usual, breakfast will be served.

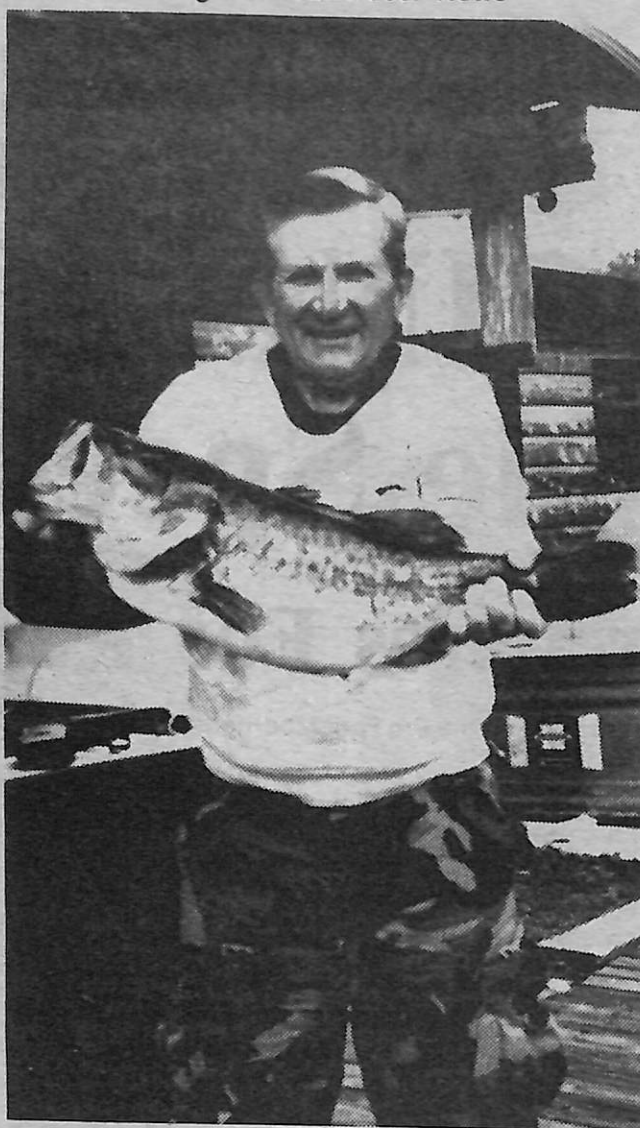
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DEER POPULATIONS EXPLODING

Are deer populations in the New England states up? You bet they are.



THE STEFANIK BOYS, Jim (left) and Bob, display large catches of Bass landed on the St. John's River in Florida.



Why, you ask? It boils down to good deer management and mild weather that have benefited the herd. In fact, this past winter should give a large boost to the deer and their young.

Reports of deer kills in the six New England states have all been up, and by very healthy numbers. New Hampshire just reported their figures on this past hunting season.

Both new archery and black powder record kills were registered. The regular gun season hunters shot 8,792 deer. Archers shot 732 deer, beating the old record of 489.

It marked the eighth year in a row that muzzleloaders set new records with 1,625 shot. There were 5,925 bucks and 2,867 does taken by hunters.

The leading counties are Rockingham, Merrimack, and Cheshire, each giving up more than 1,000 whitetails.

The ATLANTIC SALMON TASK FORCE is asking for stocking volunteers. The force is stocking 500,000 fry during a short time frame in April. If you are interested in helping out, you can call (413) 586-8993.

The Quabbin Fishermen's Association elected **Art Miner** as its President; **Chris Noftal** (Agawam), Vice-President; Secretary, **Mary Ann Gendreau**; and Treasurer, **Steve Kusek**.

Directors are **Vickie Miner**, **Bill Martel**, **Bill Holt**, **Dennis Begley**, and **Roy Britton**.

What has puzzled me for years is why fishermen are charged to fish Quabbin (park their cars and sit on the shoreline to fish) while hundreds of hikers, bird watchers, and photographers (some of whom tout to spending 40 hours a week in Quabbin) are not charged one red cent.

Why is the sportsman always required to foot the bill while the rest of the users (who can well afford it) pay nothing?

This year, new rates have been set for public use of State Parks.

Jim Stefanik of Agawam joined his brother **Bob** in Georgetown, Florida, and hired the Bass World Lodge to guide them for super bass fishing on the St. John's River.

Jim landed an eight-pound bass, and his brother Bob topped him by landing a 9½-pounder. Both fish were taken on a shiner.

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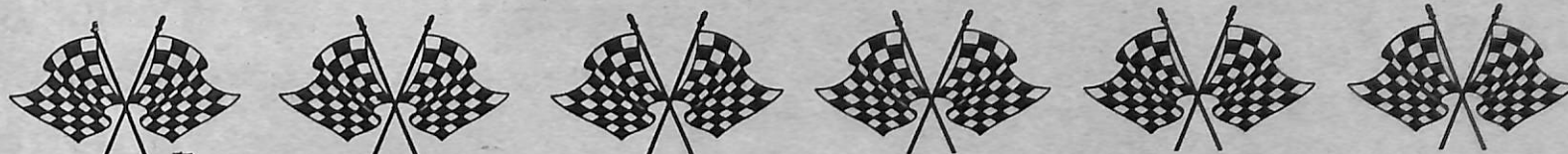
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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Riverside Prepares For Race Opener

Riverside Park Speedway continues to be the trendsetter in the Northeast.

The innovative, NASCAR quarter-mile with its award-winning management team is always striving for creative new ways of expanding the Motorsports Program. Many of the new ideas presented during the past 10 years have been the brainchild of the Director of Racing, Ben Dodge, Jr.

Dodge, who originated the Pro Stock Division in 1982, created the Strictly Stocks and such management policies as the Owners and Drivers Free, \$5 Discount Admissions, Fan Appreciation Month, and more, bringing the Speedway to record-breaking attendance numbers. In media exposure, Riverside ranks high with weekly television, feature weekly reports, radio syndication, and new print for exceeding the competition.

Keeping with these innovative ideas in a never-ending search for a creative challenge, Riverside

looks to add the Pro Four Modifieds for a series of special events.

After months of rumors and meetings, the Pro Four Modifieds will become a fifth division for a designated 10 events at Riverside Park Speedway. This will give the Pro Four Modifieds a base as a home track in 1992. The semi-successful touring division has been featured up and down the Eastern seaboard, and features over 30 cars.

The Pro Four is a unique, open-wheel division that looks like a scaled-down Modified Tour car and is powered by a heavily modified, four-cylinder engine. At Riverside, these cars (because of their high R.P.M. range and light weight) reach speeds in excess of 80 mph.

Dan Meservey, the originator and advisor of the Pro Four Division, looks forward to the home base. "We need grass roots before we will sign the contract; we have had over a dozen people

contact us about the division running Riverside. These are new people and, let's face it, Riverside is a leading track.

"And, whether you like Ben Dodge or not, he is the only promoter that makes things happen. He is a person interested in a challenge, who is not afraid of the opposition. He will make this happen, if anyone can," said a confident Meservey.

A full 1992 Riverside schedule was announced last November, with exact Pro Four Modified dates at the Park in 1992. The first event will be a season opener, "The Big Chill," on Saturday, March 21st, featuring the NASCAR Modified Tour, Pro Stocks, Late Models, Strictly Stocks, and the new Pro Four Modifieds.

Rules for the Pro Four Modifieds are available by written request only from Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001.

John Houghton Of Feeding Hills In Modifieds

At 34, John Houghton of Feeding Hills is making the move to securing a life-long dream—running a NASCAR Tour Modified at Riverside Park Speedway.

His determination in his automotive-related business, H & S Automotive, has made him a key player in assisting the NASCAR regulars at Riverside. Houghton operates a Performance/Speed Shop that builds and assembles many of the Strictly—Late Model engines.

His driving career stems from the Strictly Stocks, where he has been a multiple winner in the past. And yes, this is an awfully big transition that few have ever made into the modifieds; still, John has pursued his dream since his days of helping veteran Bobby Bard in his race shop.

On Saturday, March 21st, when Riverside Park Speedway opens its 1992 season, John Houghton will unveil his dream machine. His Modified Tour

car was once owned/driven by Richie Gallup—Marty Radewick—Ed Kennedy. Radewick sold the car to John in October.

Since then, they have rebuilt the car from the ground up. It's new in every detail (including the new NASCAR-approved snout), and the color scheme is wild with a light blue chassis and a turquoise body with the number 3.

John is planning on building the engine with the help of Phil Miller/Miller Machine. Still, a lot of work will be done in-house by Houghton. The Modified Tour Car will receive sponsorship from J.S. Wimpy's—Red Rose Restaurant, as special other deals are in the works.

John would also like to run a few Modified Tour Shows, the race at Riverside, one at Loudon in New Hampshire, and the Thompson Shows. His goals are just to gain the respect of his fellow competitors in the Modifieds (hopefully, with a top 15 finish in points and maybe the Rookie

Modified title at Riverside).

Watch for the team of John and Scott Houghton in the Modifieds at Riverside. Riverside opens its 1992 season on Saturday, March 21st, with "The Big Chill," a NASCAR special event for the Modified Tour, Pro Stocks, Late Models, Strictly Stocks, and the Pro Four Modifieds.

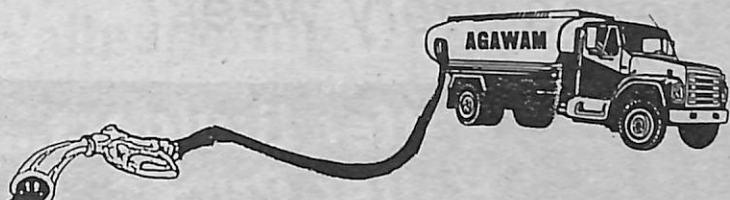
Season tickets are available with rules, schedules, and much more by writing to: Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01101 (ATTN: Mary), or call (413) 786-9300, extension 264.

Riverside Speedway also offers a series of events that are family-priced at just \$6 for adults, a family of two adults, plus two children—just \$18 for the family.

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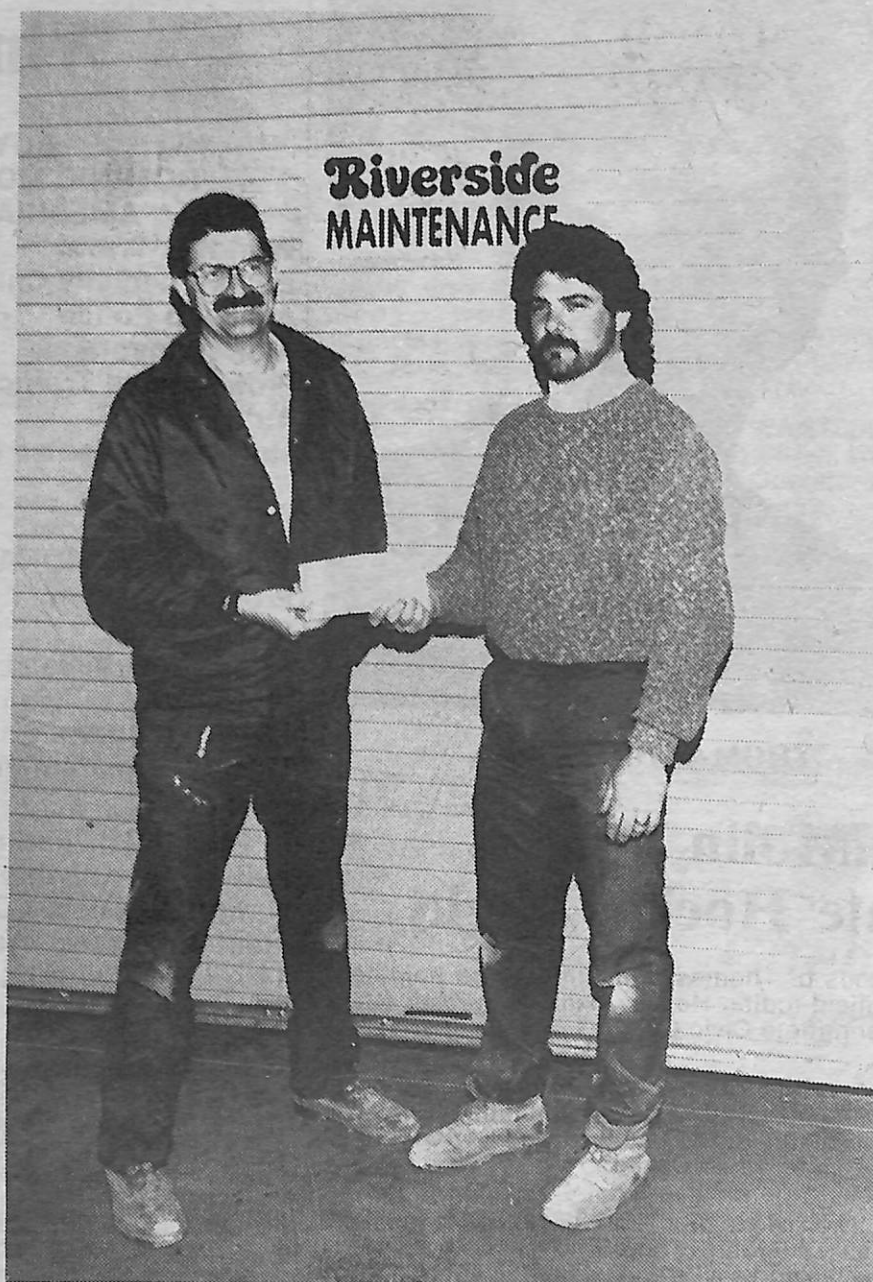
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Riverside Distributes Maintenance Awards



RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK recently presented "Maintenance Awards" to employees Mike Fleury (photo left, left) and to Mike Bryden for creativity. Fleury receives his award from Donald Donahue, electrical supervisor; Bryden receives his award from Allan Moreau, carpentry supervisor.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Riverside Speedway Again Has Special VIP Parking Passes

The management of Riverside Park, New England's largest amusement park, is making a special offer on a season type VIP Parking Permit for the patrons of Riverside Speedway, which because of location share the same parking area. As for the past three years, the park management has charged for parking. The revenue collected has been used by the park to help supply better security for the area, paving and general up-keep. The Speedway does not generate any revenue, but follows the park's guidelines for parking and the program.

And now Riverside Park management is offering a seasons VIP Parking Program. The Park will be charging a one time yearly discount fee of \$24.99.

This entitles the holder to park for free when the vehicle is equipped with the hot pink parking sticker. This is to be used for parking only on days

that the stadium is running events. These VIP parking passes are available at Riverside Park.

When calling, please do not contact the Race Department. They are not available at the Race Department, but are available at either the Group Sales, Marketing or Security offices. Please contact the operator for exact details. The number to call is (413) 786-9300. Ask for the operator.

These Parking Passes will also be on sale on race day at a designated booth next to the reserved seat ticket booth, by the Park management.

Remember, Riverside Park Speedway is running Four Division of NSCAR racing every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. through Labor Day. For more information, call (413) 786-9300, Race Department.

Free race schedules are available. Write to: Riverside Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001.

Youth Cheerleaders To Have Meeting

An informational meeting and registration will be held for Agawam Youth Cheerleader Tryouts for the 1992 Youth Football season on Tuesday, March 17th, in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department at 7:30 p.m.

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There will be two exciting games starting at 5:15 p.m. with Teddy Bear Pools vs. Teddy Bear Pools Alumni, and at 7:15 p.m. The Springfield Indians vs. The Utica Devils.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the family of Thomas DalMolin. Tom, who recently died of cancer, leaving a wife and two small children, was a 1975 graduate of Agawam High School. He was actively involved in hockey in high school, as a junior varsity coach, and later for Teddy Bear Pools.

Tickets are available for \$8 at Pajer's Market, Agawam; Gino's Package Store, Agawam; Sports Stuff, Sumner Avenue, Springfield; Teddy Bear Pools, East Street, Chicopee; Center Cleaners, Center Street, Chicopee; West Side Sport Shop, Westfield Street, West Springfield; or by calling Kip Regnier, 786-9773, or Mary Lou Vigue, 786-1959.

Oak Ridge Golf Club Opens For Season

General Manager Paul Strycharz announces that the Oak Ridge Golf Club opened for play as of Friday, March 6th.

Paul states that for the early season, the course will open at 8:30 on weekdays and at 7:30 on weekends. Starting times will be taken over the phone by calling the golf shop at 786-9693.

Golf course superintendents Bill Strycharz and Ken Modzelesky state that the course is in very good early-season condition, and that they have opened all 18 greens. Electric golf carts will be in service in about one week.

As the golf season is now upon us, watch for our golf tip of the week. Oak Ridge Golf Club golf professional Jim Modzelesky will once again provide these tips for *The Agawam Advertiser News* each week.

This year's tip of the week series will begin in early April and continue throughout the summer months.

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NATIONAL DIVISION

Provin Mt. Farm	8	2
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Agawam Opticians	5	5
Movie Mart	3	7
Aldrich Insurance	2	8
Valenti's Restaurant	2	8
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(* Provin Mt. Farm and Corner Deli will play a best of three series to determine National Division Champion. Winner will meet Worldtek Travel Saturday, March 14th, at 12:30 p.m. to determine League Champion!)

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Provin Mt. Farm	5	5

Aldrich Insurance	5	5
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Worldtek Travel	8	2
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Grimaldi & Burzdak	10	0
Agawam Firefighters	8	2
Professional Traffic Systems	6	4
Worldtek Travel	3	7
Provin Mt. Farm	2	8
Westfield Savings	1	9

Golfers Urged To Get Into Swing Of Things; Buy Golf Privilege Card From Lung Asso.

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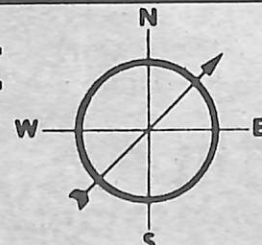
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